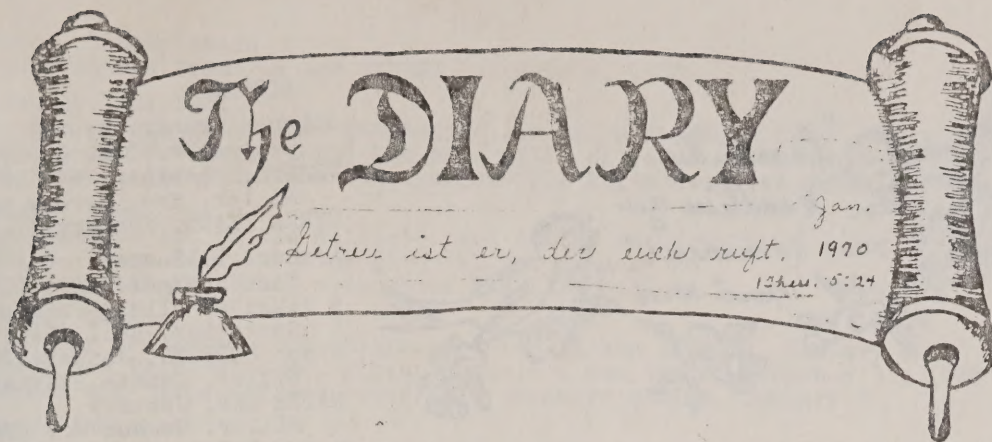


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Interesting facts concerning the weather as recorded in LANCASTER INTELLIGENCER JOURNAL
January 9, 1970

Forty-eight states had freezing weather: Albany had 12 degrees; Atlanta, 8; Atlantic City, 22; Boston, 13; Burlington, Vermont, 10; Chicago, 2; Denver, 8; Detroit, 5; Duluth, 4; Fort Worth, 17; Kansas City, 4; New Orleans, 17; New York, 10; Philadelphia, 5; Phoenix, 32; Pittsburg, 0; Portland, Maine, 10; St. Louis, 5; Washington, D.C., 8. But not everywhere-- Los Angeles had 47 degrees; Miami Beach, 38; Seattle, 39; Tampa, 36.

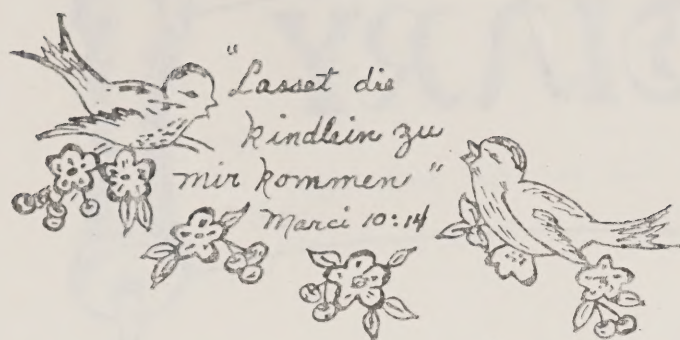
More than a dozen weatherrelated deaths--at least half of them directly due to the severe cold--lent emphasis to the general discomforts going beyond the predictable power line and gas transmission line failures, the school closings and cars that wouldn't start. --In Council Bluffs, Iowa, Mrs. Edith Holton, 63, apparently intending only a brief errand, stepped out of the house lightly clad. She fell and never made it back. Neighbors found her body. The temperature was 17 below zero. --In Memphis, Tenn., two brothers, 55 and 63, turned up the heater to ward off the cold. They were asphyxiated in their room. --In Chicago, an unidentified woman took refuge in an enclosed truck parked on the street. She was found dead. Chicago's temperature was 5 below.

TWO LANCASTER COUNTY, PA. MINISTERS DIED A WEEK APART

Preacher John S. Lapp, 85, of Ronks R1, died at his home Friday, January 9. He had been under the care of a physian. The husband of Sylvia R. Stoltzfus Beiler Lapp, he was born in Lancaster County, a son of the late Amos and Mattie Smoker Lapp and was a retired farmer. There are 3 sons and 2 daughters: Samuel S. and Jonas S., Ronks R1; Amos S., Strasburg R1; Annie, wife of Gideon B. Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1; and Mattie, wife of Isaac Zook, Myerstown R2; 2 step-sons and 3 step-daughters: Elias S. Beiler, Leola R1; Reuben S. Beiler, Strasburg R1; Mary, wife of Elam Zook, Christiana R1; Sarah, wife of Ephraim Esch, Strasburg R1, and Lydia, wife of Jacob G. King, Christiana R1; 2 brothers and 1 sister: Jacob B. Lapp and Levi Lapp, Gordonville R1, and Annie, wife of John B. Miller, Bird-in-Hand R1; 58 grandchildren, 117 great-grandchildren and 39 step grandchildren. Funeral services were held by Levi S. Fisher, burial in Gordonville Cemetery.

Bishop Christian R. Beiler, aged 76 yrs., 8 mo. and 6 days, of Gordonville R1, died Friday, January 16, at his home. He had been under the care of a physian and had been afflicted with hardening of the arteries. He had not taken his place in church the last three years and had not attended the last year and one-half. Born in Lancaster County, he was a son of the late John M. and Fannie Renno Beiler. His wife, Levina Stoltzfus Beiler, died in 1957. Survivors include the following children: Abner F., Emma, wife of Jacob Peachey, John S., Levi R., and Miss Fannie E. Beiler, all of Gordonville R1; 18 grandchildren; one great grandchild; and these brothers and sisters, Barbara, wife of Abram Beiler, Kinzers R1; Elias R., and Samuel R., of Gordonville R1; Reuben R., Strasburg and Jacob J. of New Holland. Funeral services were held Monday, January 19 at the home by Amos E. King and John F. Glick; a hymn "Welt Hinweg" was read by Eli Smucker at the house and Levi E. Stoltzfus read "Mein Lebensfaden" at Myers Cemetery; Benediction was by Aaron Esh. Four bishops were pall bearers namely: John M. Beiler, Jonas S. Lapp, John S. Glick and Enos M. Beiler.

Nun sein Sitz in gegen stand Bleibet jetzt fur ein anderer leer.
Gott wird euch ein anderer senden, Fallt das amt ihm Gleich wol schwer;
Doch die stell mus sein besetzt, Das die herd bleibt unferletzt.
Einer der predicht Gottes wort Und es belebet fort und fort.



BIRTHS

Johnson County, Iowa
 Bontrager, Dea. LeRoy and wife a son
 VERNON, December 26, 1969
 Miller, Pre. Morris and wife a daughter
 MYRNA PEARL, January 3, 1970
 Arthur, Illinois
 Herschberger, Levi (Lizzie Ann Miller)
 a daughter WILMA, January
 Hostetler, Neil (Delores Ann Schrock)
 a son CHESTER, January 26
 Miller, Dannie (Esther Plank) a dau
 KATIE ANN, January
 Miller, Reuben W., (Fannie Schrock)
 a son LEROY, January 15

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Daniel M. (Esther Smucker) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter SADIE MAE, January 20
 Beiler, David E. (Sadie Mae Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a son JOHN RICHARD, January 13
 Beiler, David Z. (Katie Kauffman) Ronks R1, a daughter RUTH ANN, January 2
 Beiler, Elam S. (Fannie L. King) Gap R2, a daughter PRISCILLA K., January 30
 Beiler, Menno Jr. (Miriam Fisher) Christiana R1, a daughter MARY F., January 31
 Beiler, Noah K. (Lydia Zook) Narvon R2, a son REUBEN Z., January 11
 Ebersol, Amos (Lavina Stoltzfus) Ronks R1, a son JOHN, January 3
 Esh, Emanuel K. (Katie L. Stoltzfoos) Ronks R1, twin sons BENUEL and EMANUEL, January 26
 Esh, Jonas K. (Naomi F. Stoltzfus) Ronks R1, a daughter KATIE S., January 2
 Fisher, Elmer L. (Annie S. Kauffman) Christiana R1, a son EMANUEL, January 7
 Fisher, Joseph B. (Mary King) Kinzers R1, a daughter FLORENCE IRENE, January 28
 Fisher, Joseph S. (Lizzie S. Glick) Ronks R1, a daughter ELIZABETH, January 26
 Fisher, Levi L. (Sadie B. Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a daughter ANNIE S., January 12
 Kauffman, Christ (Anna Flaud) Paradise R1, a son MICHAEL, January 2
 King, Aaron G. (Annie L. Beiler) 505 Mt. Sidney Rd. Lancaster, a son LEVI B., January 15
 King, Amos L. (Hannah L. Beiler) Paradise R1, a daughter SARAH B., January 16
 King, Benjamin B. (Malinda K. Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R1, a son JOHN J., January 18
 King, Daniel S. (Priscilla Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter MIRIAM ROSE, January 21
 King, Elam S. (Rachel S. Smucker) Strasburg R1, a son ELAM, January 10
 King, Ephraim (Sylvia Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son JACOB C., January 29
 King, Jacob K. (Rebecca S. Smucker) 159 Greenfield Rd. Lancaster, a daughter SADIE S., Jan. 14
 King, Jonas M. (Annie S. Riehl) Paradise R1 a daughter BARBARA ANN, January 4
 Lapp, David S. (Lydia Lapp) Ronks R1, a son DAVID S. JR., January 19
 Lapp, Michael S. (Fannie L. Fisher) Gordonville R1, a son SAMUEL F., January 18
 Petersheim, Daniel B. (Barbara Stoltzfus) Christiana R1, a son ENOS S., January 26
 Stoltzfoos, David Z. (Emma Petersheim) Leola R1, a son AMMON P., January 20
 Stoltzfus, Amos F. (Elizabeth Lapp) New Holland R1, a daughter ANNA RUTH, January 26
 Stoltzfus, Amos M. (Rachel S. Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son STEPHEN F., January 8
 Stoltzfus, Ivan L. (Rebecca Fisher) Paradise R1, a son MAHLON, January 5
 Stoltzfus, Jacob L. (Salome Esh) Lititz R3, a son DANIEL, January 3
 Stoltzfus, Jacob S. (Lydia Lapp) 1902 Pioneer Rd. Lancaster, a son JOHN, January 14
 Stoltzfus, Jonas K. (Lavina Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter MALINDA, January 25
 Stoltzfus, Levi L. (Katie K. Stoltzfus) Paradise R1, a daughter LINDA S., January 25
 Zook, Elam S. (Emma Lapp) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter SARA ANN, January 22
 Zook, Henry F. (Katie S. Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1, a daughter EMMA, January 27

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Petersheim, Jonas (Susie Yoder) a son REUBEN, January 12

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Byler, Daniel H. (Mary Swarey) Belleville, a son SYLVANUS, January 13
 Peachey, Ammon (Sarah Peachey) Belleville, a daughter MALINDA, January 24
 Peachey, David C. (Lizzie Peachey) Belleville, a daughter ELIZABETH, January 3
 Peachey, Moses (Malinda Wengerd) Belleville, a son January 31
 Swarey, Stephen F. (Nancy Peachey) Allensville a daughter ESTHER, January 22
 Yoder, David S. (Matilda Peachey) Belleville, a son ENOS D., January 8
 Yoder, Noah B. (Katie Peachey) Belleville, a son KORE, January 20

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Fisher, John (Sarah Yoder) a son ERNEST, January 4, 1970

St. Mary's County, Maryland

Hertzler, Ben (Lydia Stoltzfus) Mechanicsville R2, a daughter BECKY, January 18
 Stoltzfus, Daniel M. (Sarah Lapp) Mechanicsville R2, a daughter SYLVIA, January 15
 Stoltzfus, Sam J. (Lena Hertzler) Mechanicsville R2, a daughter ANNIE, January 24

Buchanan County, Iowa

Detweiler, Freeman Jr. (Susie Miller) a son ALLEN, January 25
 Raber, Eli C. (Mary Helmuth) a daughter WILMA, January 20
 Yoder, Andy (Amelia Kauffman) a daughter MARYLIN, January 3

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada

Kauffman, Henry and Esther, Mt. Elgin, Ontario, a son CHESTER, January 22
 Miller, Levi and Elizabeth, Mt. Elgin, Ontario a son HENRY, December 31, 1969
 Wagler, Simon and Susie, Aylmer, Ontario a daughter REGINA, January 7

Daviess County, Indiana

Graber, Daniel (Ruth Graber) Montgomery R1, a STILLBORN DAUGHTER, December 30, 1969
 Kemp, Joe (Barbara Stoll) Loogootee RR, a son JOSEPH, January 20
 Knepp, Ivan (Bertha Graber) Montgomery R1, a son BYRANT, January 24
 Knepp, William (Lovina Knepp) Montgomery R1, a son DAVID LEE, January 25
 Wagler, Alva (Fannie Yoder) Loogootee, a daughter MIRIAM, January 10
 Wagler, Henry (Viola Knepp) Montgomery R1, a son LARRY DWAYNE, January 4
 Yoder, Alva (Katie Kemp) Montgomery R1, a son DANIEL RAY, December 31, 1969

MARRIAGES

Arthur, Illinois

Melvin J. Otto, son of Rudy D. and Elizabeth (Miller) Otto
 and Annie Ellen Schlabach, daughter of Fred and Mary (Yoder)
 Schlabach were married January 6, 1970

Daviess County, Indiana

David, son of Abraham and Viole Knepp and Naomi, daughter
 of Ben G. and Ida Wagler, married Jan. 22 by Bishop Joe L. Graber

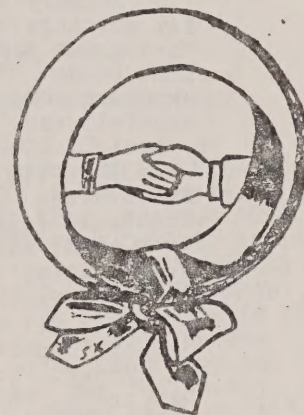
ANNIVERSARY

Simon and Katie Lengacher were married January 31, 1907.
 They have been married 63 years and are both in reasonable good
 health, except Grandmother is failing

Buchanan County, Iowa

Baptismal Services by Bishop John Nisly

Perry, son of Levi and Edna (Plank Miller; Edward Jr., son
 of Edward and Anna (Petersheim) Gingerich; Melvin, son of Jacob
 and Sarah (Kauffman) Schmucker on January 25



OBITUARIES

Beiler, Christian F., aged 90 years, of Ronks R1, Pennsylvania

died at his home January 15 after a lengthy illness. Born in Lancaster County, he was
 the son of the late Jonas F. and Elizabeth Fisher Beiler. His wife, Annie died in 1965.
 Surviving are these children: Lizzie, wife of Abram P. Stoltzfus, Gap R1; John F. Beiler,
 Paradise R1; Emma, wife of Christ K. Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1; Naomi, wife of Christ K.
 Lapp, Gap R2; Jonas F. Beiler and Susie F., wife of Jacob S. Esh, both of Ronks R1; Christian
 F. Beiler, Kennedyville, Md.; Elam H. and Benjamin F., both of Paradise R1. Funeral was
 held Saturday, January 17 at 9 a.m., burial in Beiler's Cemetery at Ronks.

Fisher, Sarah, wife of Henry Z., aged 79 years of Paradise R1, Pennsylvania

died at her home January 8. She was under the care of a physician. She was born in
 Lancaster County a daughter of the late David and Katie L. Fisher Stoltzfus. Surviving
 are six sons and one daughter: Stephen, Kinzers R1; Levi and Henry, Paradise R1; Samuel,
 Bird-in-Hand R1; Daniel and Amos, Christiansia R1; and Lizzie, wife of Samuel Zook, Christiansia
 R1., two brothers and four sisters: Samuel, Daniel, Annie, wife of Samuel E. Stoltzfus,
 Mrs. Betsie Beiler and Katie, wife of Gideon M. Stoltzfus, all of Gap R1, and Hannah, wife
 of Gideon Fisher, Myerstown R1; 55 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren. Funeral was
 held Saturday, Jan. 19 at 9 a.m. by Melvin Beiler and D. Ira Stoltzfus, burial at Gordonville.

King, Annie S., 5 months old daughter of Benjamin E. and Lizzie E. (Stoltzfoos) King

died at her home at Quarryville R3 on January 28. She is survived by her parents,
 two brothers and two sisters, David, John, Melinda and Sadie, all at home, a paternal
 grandmother, Mrs. Sarah P. King, Gordonville R1, maternal grandparents, John M. and
 Melinda Stoltzfoos, Ronks R1, and paternal great grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Esh, Leola.

Stoltzfus, Infant daughter of Melvin and Ruth (Glick), Honey Brook R1 died January 14
 Graveside services were held January 15 at Millwood Cemetery

JANUARY 1870						
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Farm prices from a Farm Ledger of 1870
 6½ lb. lard, \$1.10; Broom handels, \$3.50
 1 bu. apples, \$1.00; 1½ bu. corn, \$1.20.
 2 bu. Wheat (wheat), \$2.50

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

by Aaron F. Stoltzfus

Fields are covered with snow. Manure piles are getting bigger and bigger. Farmers are taking care of livestock, some have frozen pipes. Only a few farmers hauled manure during January.

by Eli S. King

January has been a month of cold weather, with temperatures as low as 12 below zero a few mornings but warming up to 5 or 6 above during the day. Light snow fell continually throughout the month, along with high winds which blew the new snow off the old, closing some roads. The last week of the month was warmer with temperatures in the mid-forties, exposing some ground. The ground was covered with snow since December 14, 1969. Total snowfall was 13.7 inches; rainfall, .4 inches.

by Levi L. Stoltzfus

The rain fall for Bareville area for January was .2 inches and the snow fall was 10". Fat steers, 30½ cwt.; Hogs, top 31¢ cwt.; Veal, 57¢ cwt.; Eggs, 60¢ dz.; Corn, \$1.45 bu.; Wheat, 1.50 bu.; Barly, 1.10 bu.; Oats, .85 bu.; Alfalfa hay, 50.00 ton; Good mixed hay, 46.00 ton; Straw, 50.00 Ton.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania by David Y. Renno

The weather here was cold and dry with only a few thawing days of above freezing temperature. Six below zero was the coldest. Many deep snow banks remain from December all through January. Total snow fall for January was 9.8 inches, total snow for this winter is 40 inches. Total precipitation for January is .88 inches leaving a deficiency of 1.79" for the month. All farm products, milk, eggs and meat animals are high priced except live poultry prices are very low. Ungraded eggs average \$16.00 per 30 dz. case, wholesale. Health is good and work is plentiful for people that really want to work.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania by Catherine Swarey

January had much zero weather and wind placing the December snow in drifts and piles, closing roads different times. Lowest temperature was 6 below zero; 9 inches of snow and 5 inches of rain. The latter part of January we had more moderate temperatures of 30 and 40 degrees a couple of mornings. The snow melted a lot and some fields look bare.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania by Abe S. Kinsinger

January was cold with snow and sub zero weather till the week of the 25th we were blessed with a thaw. Farmers are again hauling manure, some were hauling manure with sleds on piles to be spread afterwards. Working in the woods, making posts and pulpwood was the work among the men.

St. Mary's County, Maryland by Amos R. Stoltzfus

January started in very nice. There were around 6 inches of snow over the 6th and 7th, then it turned very cold for this area. We had zero and below for 3 consecutive days in the morning and 10 degrees above a number of times. On the 21st it was 5 above and a terrific WIND, 2 above the 22nd. Overall it was a cold Month for Sunny Southern Maryland and quite a bit of snow. Probably more than all of last winter. On the 25th and 26th it thawed and we had mud and springlike weather till the 31st the ground was frozen again at 20 degrees.

Daviess County, Indiana by Lester Marnier

The winter of 1969-70 will be remembered for its ice, snow, and cold weather. There were six days with below zero temperature in the morning. We had snow on the ground from December 21 till January 25th and 26th it started to melt.

Arthur, Illinois by John A. Schrock

The weather for January was cold with around 18 inches of snow and zero temperatures, the lowest was 16 below zero.

Johnson County, Iowa by Eli S. Bontrager

Winter weather hangs on, the week of Jan. 5th it was from 4 to 17 below zero for 6 days, then more mild the next week. It was as low as 24 below but has gone up to 20 above in the evening. We had 5 inches of snow again.

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Aber ich hatte auch keine Ruhe; Tag und Nacht stand mir die alte Frau vor Augen. Einen solch Gröblich blinden Menschen wie sie hatte ich bisher noch nicht kennen gelernt.

Am dritten Tage kam ein Bote von ihr mit der dringenden Bitte, ich möge sie doch wieder besuchen. Ach, wie froh war ich! Sogleich machte ich mich auf den Weg. Sobald sie mich sah, fing sie an zu schluchzen und rief mir entgegen: "Also Sie besuchen mich doch wieder? O wie habe ich Sie neulich schändlich belogen! An meinen Bote von kein wahres Wort. Ja, ich habe

The year with every joy and care, Has faded fast away,
My guilt and all unrighteousness, Forgive Dear Lord I pray.

I know the year I now begin, A happy year will be,
If Thou wilt guide, and I but do, The thing that pleaseth Thee!

überwunden ..
aber ich hab

habe ich in Sünden zu-
le gibt es Keinen
ein verlornen und
te. "Dasz für mich
r Geschichte ent-
mein Herz geklopft,
ode nahe war, er-
keine Christin.
Ihr denn nicht
den Himmel kommt?"
ich habe meinem
Mant zu halten:

Joshua, son of Joel and Lydia (Kauffman) Smoker, died January 16, 1895, aged 7 months, and 2 days.

John, son of John and Nancy (King) Beiler, died January 19, 1895, aged 5 months.

Oh, soft be their slumber, the young and the fair,
Where life's sands so gently have run.
Tho' the night dews how cling to their bright flowing hair,
There's a mourn for the dear little ones.

From Lydia Fisher's Death Book

Leah (Lapp) Fisher, wife of Elias Fisher of Weavertown

To recall some memories of the past, we will mention of a family, Eli or Elias Fisher who was born September 14, 1814 and died eighty years ago, December 17, 1890. His wife, Leah (Lapp) Fisher, born January 25, 1810 and died seventy-five years ago, January 23, 1895. Very few people of to-day can recall any memories of this family, because there are no living descendants living in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania anymore. Eli was the oldest surviving son and second child of Christian and Frennie (Stoltzfus) Fisher of East Lampeter Township. He had the following brothers and sisters, Susan, wife of Jonathan Lapp and Frannie, wife of Jacob Renno, who were from his father's first marriage; brothers from his father's second marriage were Benjamin, Christian, John, Gideon, Jacob and Samuel. His wife, Leah Lapp was the daughter of John and Frannie (King) Lapp of near Soudersburg. She had the following brothers and sisters, Jonathan Lapp married Susan Fisher, sister to Eli, Isaac died in 1815, one year of age, Samuel married Anna Stoltzfus, Christian died at eight months of age, John married Susan Stoltzfus, Jacob died two years of age in 1831, Michael married Rebecca Lantz, Fannie married to Jacob Fisher, also a brother to Eli. Eli Fisher and his wife Leah moved to the farm in Leacock Township that was purchased by his parents in 1837 (being the year they married) from the John T. Vernon Estate, a tract of 300 acres where Amos L. Fisher now lives. Here they raised a family of four children as follows, a son Jonathan died when a child; Christian, born May 11, 1839; Frannie, born March 16, 1841, died single and was better known as "die klea Frannie." She is buried in the Gordonville Cemetery beside her parents. There are some people who still remember the day of her funeral as being a very unusual day. A day of sleet and rain in which one of the horses took sick, and died the following week. The fourth child was Eli Jr. born March 6, 1847. They resided on this farm and erected a new barn at the close of the Civil War. It was destroyed by fire in 1919. When the depression after the Civil War came along they had some financial difficulties and sold out to George Beiler in the year 1878 and moved to Weavertown, where Daniel L. Stoltzfus now lives. Here Eli Sr. died in 1890 and is buried in the Gordonville Cemetery, his wife, Leah died five years later in 1895 and is buried beside her husband. Christian, the oldest of the family was married to Anna or Nancy King of Belleville, Mifflin County but resided in Lanc. Co. They had two children, Lucinda and Sylvanus Fisher. Sylvanus died as a young man at the age of 31 years and was never married. Lucinda married to Isaac Zook and lived in Mifflin County and had one son Maurice, who was never married. So you see there are no living descendants of Christian anymore. Eli Fisher Jr. being the youngest of the family married to Anna or Nancy King in 1878, she was born in 1853 and died one year later they were married in 1879. He then remarried to Katie Yoder a daughter of Christian and Katie (Becker) Yoder of Orrville, Ohio. Just when Eli Jr. moved from Pennsylvania to West Liberty, Logan County, O. in not certain but in his single years he started to ship car loads of horses from the western states to Pennsylvania, which proved to be the downfall of his father's financial status. When he moved to Ohio he united with the Amish Mennonite church which later became what is now under the Ohio and Eastern Conference Mennonites. Eli Fisher Jr. raised a family of five

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From an almanac of 50 years ago

DAS HEILIGE ABENDMAHL IST NUR FÜR BUSZFERTIGE SÜNDER

Ich musz nun den lieben Leser zurückführen in die fünfziger Jahre des vorigen Jahrhunderts, da ich noch ein sehr junger und unerfahrener Prediger war. Damals lebte in meiner Kleinen Gemeinde ein sehr altes Ehepaar. Diese alten Leute gingen nie in meine Kirche und kummerten sich um den öffentlichen Gottesdienst gar nicht. Sie gehörten auch zu keiner Gemeinde. Eines Tages wurde ich zu der alten Frau gerufen mit der Bitte, ihr das heilige Abendmahl zu reichen. Sie lag nämlich schwer krank danieder. Da stand ich junger Mensch nun am Sterbebette einer alten Mutter, die weiter nichts von mir verlangte als das heilige Sakrament. Mein Gott, dachte ich, wie kommst du doch dieser alten Mutter ans Herz und Gewissen? O gib mir Mut und Weisheit!

Nachdem ich einige Fragen an die Kranke über ihren leiblichen Zustand gerichtet hatte, rückte ich ihr näher and fragte sie ohne weitere Umstände: "Liebe Mutter, sind Sie auch ein armer Sünder?" "Herr Prediger," gab sie zur Antwort, "was denken Sie? Ich alte Frau, die so viels erlebt hat, soll ein armer Sünder sein? Nein! Ich habe immer Gott vor Augen und im Herzen gehabt." Das war ein kalter Gusz für mich. "Aber," fragte ich sie weiter, "haben Sie denn nie die Gebote Gottes übertreten?" "Bewahre, Herr Prediger! Habe ich doch nie einen Menschen gemordet noch die Ehe gebrochen noch gestohlen noch einen falschen Eid geschworen: ich habe immer Traue und Redlichkeit geübt und kein Kind auf der Strasse beleidigt." "Aber, liebe Frau, wissen Sie denn nicht, dasz der heilige und rerechte Gott nach solcher äusserlichen Frömmigkeit gar nichts fragt? Er sieht das Herz an. Er verlangt, wir sollen ihn von ganzem Herzen lieben und unsern Nächsten wie uns selbst. Wie, haben Sie denn Gott von ganzem Herzen geliebt?" "Nun, Sie werden doch nicht meinen, dasz ich Gott gehaszt hätte? Ich habe ihn von ganzem Herzen lieb. Aber, Herr Pastor, warum quälen Sie mich alte, kranke Frau so sehr? Geben Sie mir doch das heilige Abendmahl!" "Ei, Mutter, von Quälen kann hier keine Rede sein; ich musz mein Amt treulich tun. Sie sagen, Sie liebten Gott von ganzem Herzen; wie, haben Sie denn auch sein Wort und die Predigt heilig gehalten, gerne gehört und gelernt? Ich habe Sie nie in meiner Kirche gesehen, und doch sind Sie, ofters mit Herrn P. in die Stadt gefahren." "Ei, was denken Sie? Ich kann die Bibel fast auswendig, habe viele Sprüche und Lieder gelernt. Dasz ich in meinen hohen Alter nicht mehr zur Kirche ging, können Sie mir nicht verargen. Ich halte jeden Sonntag Kirche in meinen Herzen." "Mutter, ich musz noch weiter fragen: Haben Sie denn noch nie mit jemand gezürnt? Ist nie Zorn in Ihr Herz gekommen?" "Wie können Sie mich doch so fragen? Ich habe noch keinen Menschen beleidigt, und von Zorn und Hasz ist mein Herz frei." In der Weise redete die arme blinde Frau weiter.

Selbstverständlich fing ich nun an, ihr das Gesetz zu schärfen und den eigentlichen Sinn desselben ihr klarzumachen. Und dasz das Gesetz sie packte und dasz sie nicht ohne Zorn war, wie sie sagte, konnte ich bald wahrnehmen; denn ihr sonst schon sehr runzliges Gesicht legte sich nun in zornige Düstere Falten. Ehe ich ging, sagte ich ihr noch folgendes: "Alles was Sie mir heute gesagt haben, ist nicht wahr. Sie sind auch wie alle Menschen in Sünden empfangen und geboren und haben all Gebote in Gedanken, Worten und Werken übertreten. So, wie Sie jetzt sind, können Sie nicht vor Gott bestehen noch selig werden. Gewisz haben Sie in Ihrem langen Leben viel gesündigt und manche Schuld auf Ihr Gewissen geladen. Und da das heilige Abendmahl nur für arme, buszfertige Sünder eingestzt ist, Sie aber Ihre Sunden weder bekennen noch bereuen, so kann ich Ihnen das heilige Sakrament nicht reichen. Der Herr Jesus ist ja gekommen, die Sünder selig zu machen; solche Selbstgerechte aber, wie Sie sich heute offenbart haben, kann er nicht annehmen noch retten." Betrübten. Herzens ging ich dann meiner Wege.

Da ich merkte, dasz die Kranke wohl noch eine Zeitlang leben werde, besuchte ich sie ein paar Tage lang nicht. Ich wollte erst das Gesetz an ihrem Gewissen wirken lassen.

Aber ich hatte auch keine Ruhe; Tag und Nacht stand mir die alte Frau vor Augen. Einen solch Gröblich blinden Menschen wie sie hatte ich bisher noch nicht kennen gelernt.

Am dritten Tage kam ein Bote von ihr mit der dringenden Bitte, ich möge sie doch wieder besuchen. Ach, wie froh war ich! Sogleich machte ich mich auf den Weg. Sobald sie mich sah, fing sie an zu schluchzen und rief mir entgegen: "Also Sie besuchen mich doch wieder? O wie habe ich Sie neulich schändlich belogen! An meiner Rede war kein wahres Wort. Ja, ich habe alle Gebote übertreten. Keins habe ich gehalten. Mein ganzes Leben habe ich in Sünden zugebracht. Ich bin in Sünden alt und grau geworden. Auf der ganzen Erde gibt es Keinen schändlicheren Menschen, als ich bin. Und nun ist es zu spät! Ich bin ein verlornen und verdammter Mensch!" So sprach jetzt mein Patient. Ich hörte und staunte. "Dass für mich keine Rettung mehr möglich ist," fuhr sie fort, "können Sie aus folgender Geschichte entnehmen. Ich hatte elf Kinder; alle sind gestorben. Wie hat da Gott an mein Herz geklopft, und ich habe nicht gehört! Als mein letztes, zehnjähriges Söhnlein dem Tode nahe war, ergriff mich das sterbende Kind bei der Hand und sprach: 'Mutter, Ihr seid keine Christin. Ihr müsst Euch bekehren. So könnt Ihr nicht selig werden. Mutter, wollt Ihr denn nicht Busse tun, an den Heiland glauben und sein Wort lieben, damit Ihr auch in den Himmel kommt?'" Die Alte hielt hier inne und weinte bitterlich. Dann fuhr sie fort: "Ja, ich habe meinem sterbenden Kinde auf die Hand versprochen, Busse zu tun und mich zu Gottes Wort zu halten; aber ich habe bisher mich nicht bekert, sondern mein Herz verstockt, und nun--nicht wahr, Herr Paster?--ist es zu spät! Einen Menschen wie ich bin, kann der Heiland nicht annehmen."

Gott Lob, jetzt war das Eis gebrochen, die alte Mutter war unter den Hammerschlägen des Gesetzes eine arme Sünderin geworden. Nun war es Zeit, dass die Sonne der Gnade über ihr aufging. Nun musste sie eine andere Musik als die des Gesetzes Mosis hören. Und ich zog nun auch, so gut ich konnte, alle Register und liesz ihr die fröhliche Stimme von der gnädigen Vergebung der Sünden voll erklingen. Mit groszer Begierde lauschte sie nun auch meinen Worten, und Gott gab Gnade, dass sie zum fröhlichen, getrosten Glauben kam. Jeden Tag war ich nun an ihren Bette. O wie staunte sie über den Reichtum göttlicher Gnade! "Nie," sprach sie öfters, "in meinem Leben habe ich dergleichen gehört." Nach einigen Wochen entschlief sie denn auch sanft und, wie ich fest glaube, selig im Herrn. Ich hielt ihr dann fröhlich eine Leichenrede und erzählte den Zuhörern ihre Bekehrung.

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children, the youngest being Freeman Fisher who is 78 years old and took the privilege with his wife and son Dale and wife, in the month of June, 1969 to travel east and visit the old homestead where his father was born and raised. They are all sincere and respectful people, members of the Mennonite Church of West Liberty, Ohio. He mentioned having the wagon in his possession that his father, Eli Jr. used to haul his household from Pennsylvania to Ohio.

Amos L. Fisher.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The funeral of Leah Fisher was held Wednesday, January 23, 1895 at the farm of Jacob Fisher, a brother, of Smoketown, tenanted by C. L. Petersheim. From the latter's diary we read: January 22, "We were getting ready for Aunt Leah's funeral. Sam Stoltzfus, Sam Beiler, Sam Petersheim and Eli Riehl helped." January 23, "She was 78 years, 11 months and 26 days old, burial at Gordonville." January 28, "I took Eli Fisher and Frany to Weavertown which was their home."

50 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Elizabeth Blank, wife of John Blank, died Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at her home near Musser's school house, aged 34 years. Death was due to typhoid pneumonia, after a lingering illness. Her husband and two daughters survive, Anna and Savilla, both at home. The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Fisher of Groffdale, who survive, also the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Daniel Bawell of Bareville; Rebecca and Saville, West Earl; Jonathan, New Holland; David and Benjamin, Earl and Amos of Groffdale. The funeral will be held Friday morning at 9 o'clock from the home of David Blank at Shoptown, Interment in Myers' Cemetery. (From January 7, 1920 issue of Intelligencer Journal)

John Blank, husband of the Elizabeth Blank, mentioned above, died January 15, 1920 of typhoid fever. He is survived by two daughters, Anna and Saville, now orphans, and his parents, Pre. David and Nancy (King) Blank of Groffdale, also these brothers and sisters. Christian, Daniel, Samuel, Hannah and Fannie of Groffdale. The daughter, Saville went to the home of David Zook and resided there until she married to John M. Beiler. Anna lived at Groffdale until she married to Levi U. Fisher

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This entire writing is an English translation of the German writing found in the back of the present AUSBUND or "Dick Lieder Buch."

INTRODUCTION BY THE TRANSLATOR

In the closing pages of the German Hymn Book called the AUSBUND there are about 40 letters. These letters were written by the suffering Anabaptists from Switzerland to their sympathetic brethren in Holland (Nederland). They cover a period of history from 1635-1645. This information was taken from the eighth edition of the AUSBUND published by John Baer's Sons in Lancaster, Pa., in 1863, just 100 years ago. (translated 1968 by John Kauffman)

A TRUE ACCOUNT FROM THE BRETHREN IN SWITZERLAND, IN THE DISTRICT OF ZURICH.
CONCERNING THEIR TRIBULATION, WHICH THEY HAVE ENDURED BECAUSE OF THE GOSPEL.

From the year 1635 to the year 1645.

DEAR CHRISTIAN READER

It is impossible to tell with few words about the great tribulation and unmerciful treatment that we have experienced. This was not only endured by the men but also by our wives and children, the sick, the pregnant mothers, but even nursing babies have gone through very cruel, inhumane, and unmerciful treatment. Even though we did them no harm, we willingly obeyed in all things that were reasonable, and were glad to continue to do so.

We wish to inform our dear brethren in Holland (even though you are not personally acquainted with us), because we have understood that you have been very sympathetic with us in our painful experiences, and have felt that we should inform you of facts and details as they occurred, especially since you have been inquiring about us. We hereby are giving you a brief account of them as they occurred.

In the latter part of the year 1635 and in the beginning of the year 1636 they arrested four of our brethren, Rudolf Egly a citizen of Zurich and Ullly Smith (Schmidt), in the dominion of Klonau and Felix Urnne from the same area and John Miller, (Hans Muller) from Uticken in the area of Gruningen. They took these brethren to the courthouse for a while and then placed them in a special prison. However through the help and grace of God Felix Urnne was set free again. The other three were kept in prison for a period of 22 weeks and were subject to severe tests concerning our religion and holding to the faith.

Uppermost and above all they demanded that we attend the services of the State Church which we were not able to do with a clear conscience, and could not consent to it. At last they released them under the conditions that we appear again at the courthouse in four weeks and counsel with the brethren as to how we relate ourselves to the government. At the appointed time and according to their request we made known to them that we could not with a free conscience do the things they asked us to do. However we appealed to them that they might be satisfied with us. We showed them that with a free conscience we can honor and fear the government, pay our taxes and customs and do anything reasonable for our government as long as we do not need to do anything against our conscience. We can obey as a Christian should.

But to all this they would not consent, so we had to let their command stand and say with the apostles, "We ought to obey God rather than man." However they took us three to the courthouse again and kept us three there eight days. They granted us the privilege as before to counsel with the brethren. We told them that we would do this but that we would not appear again except by their order.

After this they dealt with us again; on the 17th day of March 1636 they sent to us both religious and secular agents from the castle of Klonau, Matheschweil, and Gruningen with orders for all men and women over the entire administration to appear. Upon this we all signed our names, and after that they read to us seven articles and a report from pages 9-13. In the first five articles we agreed for there was no strife in them.

We could not agree with nor accept articles 6 or 7. After this they ordered us to appear at the designated castles where they had spoken to us before, and begged that we attend the State Church services regularly. They requested that many from the country who were teachers and leaders to appear at the castle concerning the contentious articles. They boasted and praised the articles in question and suggested that we take them seriously and keep silent on what we believed. They despised, sneered, and blasphemed our way of doing things. It happens (as we thought) that they wanted us to be disgraced in the Churches so that the public would be irritated against us. After this we were allowed to return home again.

THE THIRD ACTION THEY TOOK AGAINST US

On the 14th of September '636 that several of us were escorted to the choir room of the church to meet with hunters and sportsmen who had a lot of disputation with us about the sacraments, namely, Baptism, Communion and the Ban. We clarified our reason for our faith, that we received Christ as our Saviour and taught about him. We asked if they believed that we could be saved in this way. They said we could. Upon this the Church's most prominent member, Breitingner, stated before the whole Church that if we lived in a foreign country they would believe that way we could be saved. After this discussion which lasted all day the government separated us. From the foundation of God's word we could not consent to yield our faith and consent to attend the State Church. We did not get much support from the government. That same evening they addressed us with rough and bitter language and threatened that they would be very cruel to us, and especially the chief Pastor Breitingner who could hide no longer. In the morning he praised and respected us but now in the evening he slandered, and reproached us, and threatened to send us out of the land, to take away our land and goods, to seek a government that would let us go free. He gave us two choices, he said, "Either you attend the State Church or you go to jail and die there." Breitingner then went to his home in custody.

SOON AFTER THIS THE FOURTH ACTION WAS TAKEN AGAINST US

The government demanded that we register and reveal to them our chattels and goods and assured us that we will not be in danger. However at the end of the year we will sieze our goods and chattels, and some of our houses and farms which will be sold and turned over, and on what is not sold a heavy tax will be required.

SOON FOLLOWS THE FIFTH ACTION AGAINST US

After we have registered our goods and chattels we will be escorted to the castle. At the time appointed we appeared at the castle as requested. When we arrived at the castle they read a letter to us which read as follows: "When men will not be obedient to the government concerning attending the State Church, you will be sent to a secure place." This happened in the year 1637 and they sent a large group of constables who caught 12 men and kept them in prison an entire year. This was in a deep, damp prison in Oetenbach. They kept watchmen with us every night that were to disturb us, but with the help of God we were all free in one night with a good conscience.

Now we want to give you the names of several men, woman, and children from whom they have taken their goods and money, namely: First was Rudolf Egli, a tub maker, a citizen of Zurich. He was one of the twelve who had been arrested and kept in the court for 22 weeks in 1637. They took his money and goods and sold his house and home for 6000 guilders, and gave it to strange hands, and compelled the children to leave. In this same home was a sick child who was put out to live under the blue sky. They sought Egli everywhere until finally he was driven out of the land. After they could not find him they became very angry with his wife, Martha and caught her and put her in jail at Oetenbach and kept her there a while. They dealt very rough and stern with her, especially because she did not tell where the Church's alms money was kept that belongs to the poor. (Her husband was a deacon and looked after the poor.) They threatened her with martyrdom and put her in a torment cellar, and placed a hangman by her side to cause her great anguish. In her distress and weakness she finally told where the money was, which was 1000 guilders. After they had the money she was kept in jail from December 1637 to the Friday before Easter 1641. She with other sisters was free again.

HAPPENINGS IN THE CHURCH IN THE JURISDICTION OF KLONSUER

John Meily (Hans Meyli)

How they dealt with this man and his wife and children. In the year 1637 this aged man was captured and spent 43 weeks in chains in the underground courthouse in Oetenbach. He was then released with other brethren and was uninjured. After this he was searched for many times, but he had no certain dwelling place where he could stay. After this the government sent men to persecute and rob him. A number of times they surrounded the house and searched it. One time they sent 30 constables, they showed swords, and had fire weapons to torment them, as policemen and warriors do. They drank and ate our food with gluttony and drunkenness, they defied, threatened, cursed and blasphemed God and acted worse than wild animals. In the uproar they took John Meily's son's wife, (who had a child 14 weeks old), tied her fast, and led her to Zurich, to the castle of Oetenbach and kept her there on a meagre diet for two years. She with other sisters was then set free on the Friday before Easter 1641. During the tumult they also took John Meily's two sons, John and Marty, on the 3rd day of May 1639 and kept them there in jail one year. They were very stern with them, and they suffered in many ways. This continued for 20 weeks using every effort to make them give up. Yet with the help of God they were finally set free.

IN THE YEAR 1641

They continued to deal with us with our chattels and goods, house and home, and sold it for 14,000 guilders and put our children and grandchildren to strangers, like poor orphans, and had no mercy even if they attended the State Church or accepted the cross. After they had taken our houses and homes we were compelled to work for strangers so we would not be a burden to them. So we were betrayed by envious people and those who gave us hospitality

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After this, Martin Meilly's wife (who was with child), was led to Zurich to the courthouse, and from the courthouse to Oetenbach to the hospital, and there chained until she had labor pains. Then through the help of God she was set free.

John Miller (Hans Muller)

On the 6th of January 1639 John Miller from Uticken was caught and led to Zurich and placed in the castle and kept there for two years until he was deathly sick. After this he was released and allowed to be with his wife and children again, and there he died. They had to give the government 40 pounds of money as a fine because they showed mercy to their own father.

Rudelf Hege (Rudelf Hagi)

On the 23rd of September 1639 Rudelf Hege was captured and taken to Oetenbach in Zurich and placed in jail. They searched diligently for his wife while he was in bands and when they could not find her they caught the eldest child and threatened with a loud noise (with loud bells) if they did not tell where she was. Later they caught his wife and took her to Oetenbach and kept her there for 83 weeks, and she was free again and uninjured. (While she was still in jail,) the government took their five children and put them among strangers, and drove them out of the country.

John Ressler (Hans Ringer)

Now notice how they deal with John Ressler and his wife. On March 15, 1641 they were married and soon after this he was caught and led to Zurich to the courthouse where he was placed in the torture cave and twice they gave him martyr's stripes so that he would tell who performed the marriage ceremony. After this he was taken to Oetenbach with other brethren. . . . After this his wife was with child, and they soon sent constables to terrify her so that she had labor pains and they wanted to lead her on a manure wagon but could not find anyone who was willing to do this. This was after the child was four days old. Upon this the constable put a chain upon her and threatened that if anyone would leave her out of the house the government would punish them severely. After this she was carried into another land and her husband was released from jail.

Henry Frick (Heinrich Frick)

In the year 1639 Henry Frick, who before his conversion had a good income and much property; but when he accepted Christ they became very angry with him and said he brought calamity upon himself. Many times they raged around his house and barn and searched his place. He was arrested three times. The first time they treated him so unmercifully that in his great anxiety and need it affected him; his mind and conscience were confused. After he yielded he deeply repented and confessed his error and like Peter wept bitterly for his sin, and consented to again take up the cross of Christ. After this they hunted him as before. Even though his wife attended the State Church, they went into her bedroom and frightened her so terribly that she was sure that she would have a premature birth of her child. The child was born but it did not live long and she did not have many good days after that. After the constable had taken him to Oetenbach they kept him in jail a long time and then he was released again. Later they sought him again, but being driven from place to place they could not find him. At last a near friend, a neighbor, betrayed him and led him to Zurich and he remained there until the end of the second year and no one knew but the righteous God alone when this would end. In jail they caused him much distress, twice they stripped him, and took his money and put a long gray coat on him as a mockery and put a chain on him every night. Beside all this they took all his goods which amounted to 13,000 guilders and took his own two farms which yielded 420 guilders a year and 240 bushels of grain.

Stephen Zander (Steffen Zunder)

While this aged man Stephen Zander was in Church on September 23rd 1623 at Klenau he was arrested, taken to Zurich, and put in jail at Oetenbach where he stayed for about a year. For 16 weeks he was placed in irons and suffered much from drawing bands. He was sick a long time because of the dampness and the iron bands and finally he fell asleep in Jesus.

Dorothy Grubb (Dorethea Grebin)

This aged sister had been living with her daughter and was arrested in the office at Klenauer. Incidentally, the preacher from Kisserachweil came alone and treated her very brutally. Upon this the daughter, out of love to her mother, wanted to help her but the minister scared and struck her so that she got sick and lost the child she was bearing, and it was dead when born. Through this unmerciful experience the mother escaped.

Catherine Miller (Catherina Mullerin)

Catherine was an aged sister in the office of Klonau and was placed in jail at Oetenbach, placed under bands a long time and was later released but she could find no place to live for her place of abode had to be cancelled and because of this her children had to pay a tax of 2000 guilders a year.

Henry Good (Heinrich Gut)

This aged man was caught in the office at Klonau and was led to Zurich and placed in jail at Oetenbach where he suffered much because of lack of food and drink. There was no one to show him love, and he became a sick man and fell asleep in the Lord October 25, 1639.

Tillie Miller (Ottily Mullerin)

This sister was caught and taken to Oetenbach and kept here a long time and was released without charge.

Barbara Mylin (Barbara Meylin)

This sister was taken to Zurich, placed in Oetenbach and kept there a long time, and was released without charge.

Elizabeth Mylin (Elizabeth Meylin)

This sister was taken to Zurich, placed in Oetenbach and spent some time there. This sister by the help and grace of God was set free again.

Wateschweil and Horgan

In the first place on May 3rd 1637 the Governor of Watscheweil through his servants selected three brethren; namely: Peter Brubaker (Brubacher), John Landis, and Jacob Elmwood (Rusterholz). These three men were promised that if they would enter the castle they would not be in danger nor suffer harm. As soon as they arrived they were asked if they had made up their mind (since they attended the choir meeting) as to whether we would attend the State Church services or not. According to the fifth reading he said it was understood that if we did not attend the State Church we would have to be put in jail. They were therefore placed in jail, but after a short time John Landis and Jacob Elmwood were released. After this Peter was alone and the Governor came to see him and promised him many things according to the former arrangement (that they will not need to suffer), which were all empty words, for they did not keep them. The same day they took Peter in a worse jail than before, where the doors never open. After this they took him to Oetenbach jail where he was kept for more than 40 weeks. The wicked criminals there tormented him very severely and he suffered much for lack of food and water. Each night a guard was watching over him. After this, by the help of God he was released with 12 others. After this the Governor sent out his servants to search for him, but the Lord protected him. On the 6th of July 1640 the Governor's servants dealt very unmercifully with his children, and the Governor himself came with his servants to the house and home and acted with much tyranny that man would have thought that the stones would have cried out. The same day they scattered his whole household, his man-servants and maid-servant and chased the children away and sold all their possessions, the house, the barn, the farm and the woods, which amounted to 9000 guilders. Not long after that they took his three sons to Oetenbach, even though they attended the State Church. They did them much evil but later released them.

John Landis (Hans Landis)

John Landis, an appointed minister in Herenberg, was sent to jail in Oetenbach in the year 1637 and was kept imprisoned 20 weeks. Through the help of God he with 15 other brethren was released again. After his release he was driven from one place to another. He was not allowed to be in homes and everyone was forbidden by the Government to give him a place to stay or to give food or drink. His wife, children and grandchildren although they went to the State Church and recognized the cross were to be treated miserably. His daughter Margarita Landis was captured, taken to Oetenbach and kept there for 60 weeks, and then with the help of God was free again. Then they sold all, his home, his farm and goods, and took them away to themselves in the amount of 500 guilders.

John Huber (Hans Huber)

In the year 1637 John Huber was caught and taken to the castle at Oetenbach, Zurich, and placed in jail there for a long time and was later released by the help of God. In 1644 he with five other brethren was placed in the jail at Oetenbach. All six were together. His wife and sister-in-law were driven away. The Government then rented the farm to them again and charged them 500 guilders a year.

Conrad Strickler (Same)

On June 11, 1644 this aged man, Conrad Strickler was taken from his own land and with other brethren was put into jail at Oetenbach, Zurich. They also arrested his wife and took her there and kept her for a long time and then through the help of God she was released again. They gave their goods to his son and the Government charged a tax of 400 guilders.

John Rudolf Bowman (Hans Rudolf Bauman)

This brother, John Rudolf Bowman from Herenberg was led to Zurich and was kept imprisoned for more than 60 weeks in hard circumstances. Because of his suffering by being stretched in irons for 16 weeks, he contracted a severe sickness, and after this he, with other brethren was released. The brethren carried him for a long distance by night when they left the jail for he could not walk a step. God be praised he became stronger again but he had no place where he could live. After this his farm, home, and all that he had was taken by the government which thrust out his wife and children. The place was sold for 2000 guilders.

Oswald Landis (Same)

The servants of the Government caught this aged man, his wife and two sons and their wives with their two innocent breast fed babies, and took them to Zurich into the Oetenbach jail. Here they suffered in great anxiety, pain, and broken hearts--especially for their innocent children. The aged man and his wife were released again but the sons and his wife were distressed. In one night with the help of God the sons with their children were

delivered from the hands of satan. They were distressed because they had to deliver their goods to the ungodly society. The aged man had four other sons who attended the State Church from whom the government took their house and farm, the amount realized was 1000 guilders.

Veronica Albeny (Same)

This aged sister from Herenberg was imprisoned for a time and later she was released again. She had to keep herself in seclusion.

Jacob Elmwood 1637 (Jacob Rusterholz)

This aged man was led to jail in Oetenbach, in Zurich and endured strenuous treatment. He suffered for food and drink and was placed in irons for 16 weeks. They stripped him and took his money. Because of his unmerciful treatment and suffering he yielded and became willing to attend the State Church. Soon after this he became very sorry for his sin and confessed it and submitted again to the cross of Christ. After this he was arrested again and kept in the castle of Oetenbach. Later with the help of God he was again released. After spending about two years in jail, he and his wife were driven out of the land. He had two daughters who attended the State Church, who because of parental love wanted to visit him while he was in jail. This wish was not granted, but they placed them in irons for a time and they had to endure great noises at times. After this they sold his house and home for 1700 guilders and kept the money.

Felix Landis (Same)

Brother Landis is from Herenberg and the government put him in a gruesome cell at Oetenburg, Zurich. They were very unmerciful to him in that they gave him no food for several days. With him were criminals who took mercy on him by giving him water through a hole in the wall. When the administrator learned about this he put him to another place. Then they allowed him to have food again. His fare however was so limited that he almost starved to death. They also arrested his wife, Elgin and also imprisoned her in Oetenbach, and kept her there for about four years. They often tormented her with stinking baby clothes. They treated her shamefully and unmercifully and for a number of nights they stripped her clothing from her. There would be much more to write but we must conserve space. She served her term faithfully and was released for as long as the Lord wills. The children were placed among strangers, and the government sold the farm for 5000 guilders.

Rudolf Summers (Same)

Rudolf Summers, a young man from the district of Wateschweil was captured by the government officers, led to Zurich and placed in jail at Oetenbach, and kept there two years. He was underfed and was persecuted in a number of different ways. They threatened what they would do with him if he did not give up. Because of his under nourished condition and constant fear he finally gave up and consented to go to the State Church services. After yielding his conscience smote him and he deeply regretted that he had yielded, like Peter he went out and wept bitterly, and now he is willing again to suffer for Christ and the cross. After this he was again taken to jail in Oetenbach and now they dealt with him worse than before. He was placed among criminals and they fed him liquids through a hole in the wall because they had given him no food. He suffered with starvation and he just begged for soup without bread. But God preserved him during this tribulation. Finally one of the lords allowed him to have some food, but he was so sickly that he did not recover. Finally with the help of God he victoriously fell asleep in the Lord.

John Asper (Hans Asper)

This young man was led to Zurich and placed in jail at Oetenbach. He was kept there for a time with other brethren, and soon he with them was free again. John was at first so sick that the others had to carry him, but God be praised, he got strong again. They also took his wife and placed her in Oetenbach and kept her there for a time and released her again. They experienced poverty and had to work hard for a living and to earn their bread. The authorities took their house and farm and gave it to strange hands. They drove the children to misery and after that the government took possession of the farm and sold it for 4000 guilders.

Werne Pleister (Same)

In the year 1640 Werne Pleister, an aged man, and an elder in the Church in the vicinity of Watschweil with his wife and his son's wife were taken to Oetenbach jail by the officers sent by the government. These who were sent were very inhuman and cruel and broke windows in their home. They were kept on a very limited diet. However the old man did not need to suffer long in the cold, damp prison for he soon fell asleep in the Lord. God be praised they allowed his wife to go free. His son's wife was kept there a long time until her body had wasted away and she finally passed away. Even though the son and his children attended the State Church the family had to give the government 1000 guilders and a yearly tax of 1000 guilders.

Ulrich Snyder (Ulrich Schneider)

On the 30th of September 1639 Ulrich Snyder from the vicinity of Watschweil and from the Church at Ruthschweil was taken to Oetenbach castle and kept in prison a long time. He was treated very cruelly, they took his money and for 16 weeks he was tortured in irons, and through this experience his body was weakened. At last they placed him in a very severely polluted place where he died.

Then they captured his two sons and brought them to Oetenbach and kept them there for a time, but released them again. The home farm was sold for 8000 guilders and the money was taken by the government. Even though his wife and three children attended the State Church they destroyed their buildings so that no one could live there anymore.

Gally Snyder (Gally Schneider)

In the year 1640 Gally Snyder from the community of Wateschweil was captured and taken to jail in Oetenbach. He was kept in brutal confinement like the other brethren. They took his clothing and money and tormented him for 16 weeks. At last he victoriously fell asleep in the Lord.

Rudolf Bachman (Rudolf Bachmann)

In 1640 they took Rudolf Bachman, an elder in the Church, while he was sick, on a sled to Zurich and put him in the "hospital" and put a chain on him and would not remove it until he wanted to die. He died in these bands, victoriously overcoming, and went to be with the Lord.

THE CHURCH IS ARRESTED

Toward the end of the year 1642 the Church was captured and led to Oetenbach. While the Church was assembled by the Holy Ghost to teach and to hear God's word, and to call on the name of the Lord, the enemy came with a cruel, noisy gang and fell on them at night while they had a meeting in a stable. They approached with a loud horrifying cry as thoughtless people do, so that even the cattle began to bawl and bellow because of the unmerciful, unkind, and inhuman treatment. At this they bound some of the men as well as the women and led them to the castle in Wateschweil in wet frozen clothing and cast them in jail. Later they took them to Zurich in the Oetenbach jail. They did not stay long until they released the men. The women had to stay a little longer and for a time two of them were deprived of their clothing each night and in the morning they would get them again. There would be much more to write but God be praised they were released again.

OFFICE AT GRUENINGEN

John Jacob Hess (Hans Jacob Hess)

In the year 1637, an aged man, John Jacob Hess was arrested, this was the first time that the governor sent officers to catch a person. He promised his peace with an escort. Immediately after he was at the castle the governor asked him how cautious he was since the meeting in the choir room, and if he wanted to attend the State Church. If you do not want to do this I will allow them to arrest you. In three days five policemen were sent with weapons. He was kept at Grueningen five days and from there he was taken to the court house in Zurich and kept 19 days in prison, but with the help of God he was released again. Thirty four weeks later they sent three policemen from Zurich who came to them at night, caught him, and took him to the Oetenbach jail where ten other brethren were held. He spent eight weeks there and then through an eruption they were all free again. In the year 1639 he was taken to Oetenbach and imprisoned 83 weeks. This time they stripped him and took his money and placed him on irons for 16 weeks, after that he was free again. Then in 1639 they also caught his wife and led her to the court house where she was kept for several days after which she was taken to Oetenbach where she was given limited food and drink and kept there 63 weeks. With insufficient food and brutal treatment she finally passed away in bonds. They sold the farm and home for 4000 guilders and turned it all to the government.

John Miller (Hans Muller)

An earlier account tells of John Miller being arrested. He spent 22 weeks in the court house. After his former release they sent the policemen seeking for him day and night, in his home and in his neighborhood, but could not find him. At night they would appear with loud noise, displaying swords, and threatening to kill the children if they did not tell where he was. They went into the churches announcing that anyone had the authority to capture him, and if anyone was lodging him in their homes they were subject to severe punishment. After this the government official at the castle at Ruter promised with a written agreement, that no one dare molest him and that at the end of three weeks he would be allowed to go home again without injury. Since he did not consent to go to the State Church services, the officers were charged to watch him day and night. Since the agreement did not stand they took him to Zurich in the court house and later to the Oetenbach prison. He was kept there for about 60 weeks with some other brethren, in a very difficult prison. While in prison he became seriously sick, so they stripped him, took his money and tortured him in irons 16 weeks. Then through the help of God he with other brethren was free again. During this period of time his wife was captured and taken to Oetenbach prison and kept there for about a half a year and then they released her again. After their release they hunted them day and night with swords and loud horns, going through the house and barn. During this time she gave birth to twins and when they were 11 days old the constables came by night and found her with the babies and spoke very roughly to her, telling her that she must not leave the house for six weeks, but she could not promise. Consequently, two officers stayed with her day and night and caused her great anxiety and fear. She was taken out in the winter by a long unknown way and she did not know where they were taking her, but with the help of God she was delivered out of the hands of satan. Her family was scattered and they had to give a tax request of 1000 guilders and give it to the government.

Jacob Gochnauer (Same)

In the year 1639 Jacob Gochnauer was arrested in the office at Gruningen and taken to Zurich jail in Oetenbach. He was kept there about six months with other brethren who were treated cruelly there. Later he with other brethren was set free again. After this he and his wife were driven out of the country. Then they sold the house and farm and all that they had and took possession of it. Some time later he came to seek his scattered children again, so the enemy found him again, and took him to jail in Oetenbach where he spent part of a year and no man knew when it would end but alone the merciful God, who doeth all things well. His term lasted four years.

Jacob Egly (Same)

In the year 1639 while Jacob Egly was in the district of Gruningen he was arrested and taken to Oetenbach jail and kept there about six months. Because of the cruel treatment, obnoxious odors, and dampness of the place his body weakened and he finally passed away. After this his family was scattered, the farm was sold and taken over by the government, who demanded an annual tax of 500 guilders.

George Weber (George Weber)

In the vicinity of Kiberg, George Weber was arrested, taken to Zurich and put into Oetenbach jail, and because of lack of food and drink and the damp and odorous place he became sick. Here he spent seventy weeks, and they stripped him, took his money and released him and his fellow prisoners.

Jacob Bomberger (Jacob Baumgartner)

Jacob Bomberger, an aged man from Kiberg, was taken to the Oetenbach jail in Zurich in 1643 where he was kept under strict supervision for a long time. They stripped him of his money and put a long white gown on him as a mockery, and bound him in chains every night. He had suffered a long time already, for this was the 4th time since 1637, in all it was over five years. On the 22nd of August he was captured with five others but was soon set free again, God be praised. The other five are still in prison, so long as God will. Again the government agents were sent to this aged man and sold his house and home for 500 guilders and they kept it all for the State.

Ulrich Miller (Ulrich Muller)

On the 31st of August, 1640, Ulrich Miller was caught while at work, (he was an ordained minister in the Church). He was from Grafeschaft, Kiberg and was taken to the court house where he was kept for several days and then put to jail at Oetenbach in Zurich, under strict supervision. He was guarded very strictly and treated most unmercifully with bands. His body grew weak and after 35 weeks he fell asleep. After this his children had to give the government 100 guilders.

Jacob Nissley (Jacob Nuszley)

In 1644, Jacob Nissley, from the vicinity of Kiberg was confined to the Oetenbach jail in Zurich with four other brethren namely: Jacob Gochnauer, Henry Frick, Conrad Strickler and John Huber.

Catherine Forrey (Catherina Forrein)

Another woman, Catherine Forrey was caught in the office at Grueningen and taken to Oostenbach jail in Zurich and after a time she with four other sisters was released, but they kept the faith.

Burkhart Ammon (Burckhard Ammen)

In 1639, Burkhart Ammon was caught at Zurich Sea and taken to Oetenbach jail and kept there about six months. He was cruelly bound in irons, but was finally released. Two women were also captured at Zurich Sea and kept a while, but were released from bands again.

Elizabeth Hutzney (Same)

In the year 1637, Elizabeth Hutzney was taken to Oetenbach jail in Zurich and was kept in strict confinement. She suffered much because of ill health, and receiving neither mercy nor sympathy she finally died in bands. Her husband was compelled to give to the government 500 guilders and his children were taxed 300 guilders for the unsold goods.

Henry Snavely (Heinreich Schnabley)

In 1640, Henry Snavely was taken to jail in Zurich at Oetenbach and kept there a long time and was afterwards released with others. It is interesting to note that during this tribulation that 37 persons came out at the same time.

The government agitators and policemen who sought after us brought teachers of the State Church along, and pestered us day and night with riots, like they did earlier. So many were taken we cannot name them; husbands, wives, pregnant mothers, nursing infants, and the sick. There were but few who were not made miserable. Many became widows and orphans, and many were driven out of the land, some to the wilderness and to the mountains, in their efforts to escape and to hide themselves. The searchers went through fields and through the woods after us. They announced it in the State Churches that no one is to help us, or house any of us, not even take care of children, and every one was permitted to help catch us. Some of those who helped us were punished. (Some one must give a strict account to God!) We believe that the most prominent agitators who caused us so much sorrow and persecution and

preach peace are surely bringing condemnation on themselves. The government is preaching that they are the "protectors." Their faith and service for God give evidence that the leaders are the guilty ones. We can hardly believe that the government knows how cruel the agitators have been to us. We believe the rioters are more responsible. They even stirred up the State Church people so that they thought they were doing God's service. It seems that these gruesome things that happened were not known by the government. We believe that there are many in the court house who are peaceful and merciful, and do not want to put any blame on those who are innocent.

Especially do we wish that God will be merciful to those who have been merciful to us. As for the guilty ones, we wish that they might acknowledge their unmercifulness and discontinue it! It is awful to read and speak about it, how they treated pregnant mothers, women nursing infants, the old, the young, husbands, wives, virgins, and children, and how they took their homes and houses, farms and goods. Yes, and much more, how they made widows and orphans, and without mercy drove them from their homes and scattered them among strangers. Our children will not be comforted by strangers, and fathers and mothers without their children. With some the fathers died in jail for lack of food and drink. Some were driven to strange lands so that fathers, mothers, and brother and sister family fellowship must be lived among strangers who do not love them. Now the children are brought up under cursing and ungodly influences which we cannot describe. We must leave it all to God. Do not understand that we are bitter as we write these facts. We wish especially that our descendants will not forget our sufferings.

IN CLOSING

Here we shall leave our story. No one is to think that we have written more than just the true facts as it is clear to us today. There would be much more to write, but we have given a brief factual account to all believers of our day. God will do all things well through Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Now concerning our homes that were sold, they were not all free of debt, and some of us had a lot of tax to pay so this should be deducted from the given amount. This meant that it was not all paid in cash. Those that took over our commodities promised our children that they will now have it much better than when their fathers had it, indicating that we were poorer stewards than they are. So I must tell you a little of how they kept house. Well, they had a lot they did not work for, so they ate and drank and lived with great display from our goods. When they sent our figures to the castle they used a lot to accommodate themselves. A writer could write 500 guilders for writer wages, so they used a lot for themselves, so they do not have much to boast about.

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A FINAL NOTE BY THE TRANSLATOR

I visited Zurich in 1953 and was deeply impressed while there about some of the wonderful experiences our ancestors have gone through. Some young people from Espelkamp, whom I had visited earlier attended a conference at Basel, and there they kindly invited me to accompany them to Zurich. On the way we stopped our car where we had a wonderful view of the country-side for miles around. As we paused to look over the beautiful landscape we had a special prayer of thanksgiving for our faithful ancestors who have preserved this precious faith for our generation. If I ever visit Zurich again, I will make a special effort to visit the jail in Oetenbach, the place where many of these suffered imprisonment and death because of their faith, which I did not see on this trip. We did, however, see some of the places of special historic interest in our ancestor history. I became much more interested in Church History because of this trip. If I had only known more I might have visited a lot of places that I have missed. I hope you have been blessed with me as you reviewed with me the experiences of our faithful ancestors. May we hold to the faith at any cost so that we may hand down this faith for the generations to come. I hope this story has been both interesting and helpful to you.

With brotherly love and fellowship, I am yours for Jesus Christ, John E. Kauffman
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(Final writing, May 1, 1968)



Be sold such signs and words written upon
J. E. K.



From THE COMING KING by James Edison White (Published, 1906)

DARKENING OF THE SUN

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light. Matthew 24:29

In fulfillment of this prophecy, history records a wonderful and mysterious dark day, May 19, 1780. It extended throughout all New England, and on the Atlantic Coast, from the South to unknown regions of the North. It brought great alarm and distress to many people, who thought that the day of judgment had come. It also brought "dismay to the brute creation, the fowls fleeing bewildered to their roosts, and the birds to their nests, and the cattle to their stalls."

"Indeed, thousands of the good people of that day became fully convinced that the end of all things terrestrial had come; many gave up, for the time, their secular pursuits, and betook themselves to religious devotions; while many others regarded the darkness as not only a token of God's indignation against the various iniquities and abominations of the age, but also as an omen of some future destruction that might overwhelm the land unless speedy repentance and reformation took place."--"Great Events of the Greatest Century," p.40.

This darkness began between the hours of ten and eleven in the forenoon of Friday, of the date already named, and continued until the middle of the following night. In some places the darkness was so dense that people, without the light of a candle, were unable to read common print, or tell the time of day by their watches. Lamps were lighted in many dwellings.

In a sermon preached by Rev. Elam Potter, May 28, 1780, and preserved among his writings, appears the following statement:--

"But especially I mention the wonderful darkness on the 19th of May inst. [1780]. Then, as in our text, the sun was darkened; such a darkness as was probably never known before since the crucifixion of our Lord. People left their work in the house and in the field. Travelers stopped; schools broke up at eleven o'clock; people lighted candles at noonday; and the fire shone as at night."

The legislature of Connecticut was in session that day, and as the darkness deepened the members became terrified, thinking the last day had come. A motion to adjourn was made, at which Mr. Davenport arose, and said: "Mr. Speaker, it is either the day of judgment, or it is not. If it is not, there is no need of adjourning. If it is, I desire to be found doing my duty. I move that candles be brought, and that we proceed to business." From the Journal of the Connecticut House of Representatives, Friday, May 19, 1780, we learn that that body did adjourn from eleven o'clock until two in the afternoon.*

"And the moon shall not give her light." The first half of the night following this dark day was remarkable for the density of its darkness. Following are quotations with reference to it:--

"At eight in the evening, the darkness was so impenetrably thick as to render traveling positively impracticable; and although the moon rose nearly full about nine o'clock, yet it did not give light enough to enable a person to distinguish between the heavens and the earth."--"Great Events of the Greatest Century," p.44.

"A great part of the following night also [May 19, 1780] was singularly dark. The moon, though in the full, gave no light, as in our text."--Sermon by Rev. Elam Potter, May 28, 1780.

"The darkness of the following evening or night was probably as gross as has ever been observed since the Almighty fiat gave birth to light. . . . A sheet of white paper held within a few inches of the eyes was equally invisible with the blackest velvet."--Mr. Tenney, in Stone's "History of Beverly" (Mass.), quoted by Mr. Gage to the Historical Society.

"And the moon became as blood." Revelation 6:12. This verse, together with the 13th, records the same prophecy as given by the Saviour in Matthew 24:29, with the foregoing statement added in regard to the appearance of the moon.

Mr. Stone, in his "History of Beverly," speaking of the latter part of the night following the dark day, says: "About midnight the clouds were dispersed, and the moon and stars appeared with unimpaired brilliancy."

Of the appearance of the moon, when it became visible, Milo Bostwick writes: My father and mother, who were pious, thought the day of judgment was near. They sat up all night, during the latter part of which they said the darkness disappeared, and then the sky seemed as usual; but the moon, which was at the full, had the appearance of blood," thus fulfilling accurately the prophecy as quoted from the Revelation.

This dark day has never been explained. Various theories have been offered, but none of them can bear the test of science. Some might think it was a total eclipse of the sun.

*For further information on this subject, the reader is referred to Webster's Dictionary, edition of 1869, under the head of Explanatory and pronouncing Vocabulary of Noted Names, art. Dark Day; Josiah Litch, in "Prophetic Expositions;" tract by the American Tract Society, No. 379, "Life of Edward Lee;" Robert Sear's "Guide to Knowledge," edition of 1844.

But supposing this theory possible, such an eclipse could last for a short period only, while this darkness continued through half a day and half a night. The two following statements should settle this point forever:--

"An eclipse of the sun can occur only at new moon. The reason is obvious. To produce it the sun, the moon, and the earth must be in a straight line, the moon being in the center." --American Encyclopedic Dictionary, art. Eclipse.

"That the darkness was not caused by an eclipse is manifest; . . . for the moon was more than one hundred and fifty degrees from the sun all that day," and was "more than forty hours' motion past her opposition."--"Great Events of the Greatest Century." p.46.

The great astronomer Herschel, speaking of the unaccountable nature of this day, says: "The dark day in North America was one of those wonderful phenomena of nature which will always be read with interest, but which philosophy is at a loss to explain."

Noah Webster said of it: "The true cause of this remarkable phenomenon is not known."

The questions which remain to be settled with each of us are, Does this dark day of May 19, 1780, fulfil the requirements of the Lord's prophecy? Is it one of the way-marks placed upon the face of nature to warn us that we are living in the "time of the end?" So far as we have gone, it certainly fulfills every requirement of the prophecy. Then how shall we place ourselves with relation to it?

If it was of such importance that Christ incorporated it into the wonderful prophecy which we are studying, it is certainly of enough importance to us to cause us to ponder well. Remember our Saviour's words, "Take heed that no man deceive you." Do not allow any theory or any individual to belittle an event which was important enough for the Lord to foretell it so explicitly.

There is yet one important item to be considered, and that is the time in which this event occurred. Matthew, in speaking of it, said: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light." Matthew 24: 29. Mark, speaking of the same event, said: "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light." Mark 13:24.

In the chapter on "Great Tribulation" we found that this "tribulation" referred to the 1260 years of papal persecution, the days of which would end in 1798. But Christ said, "Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Matthew 24:22. So we find that the persecution practically ended in 1773, thus shortening by twenty-five years the "days" as foretold in the prophecy. It is historically stated that there were no martyrdoms after that time.

So Mark, in telling when this dark day should occur, makes the application, still more pointed and specific. He says, "In those days, after that tribulation." This fixes with certainty the actual date when this phenomenon should appear as being somewhere between 1773 and 1798. History puts the occurrence in 1780, thus completing a most remarkable chain of evidence which can not be broken.

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Buchanan County, Iowa

January was a month of snow and cold with many zero mornings. Lowest was 30 degrees below zero with frosty and foggy mornings. It moderated considerably the last week.

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada

The coldest in January was 23 degrees below zero but it didn't stay that cold very long.

MIGRATION

Edward Petersheim arrived on January 21 from Iowa and moved to Salford, Ontario (Mt. Elgin District)

Community Note:

Vernon, son of Alva and Rosanna Eicher is improving. He had heart surgery in Dec. 1969 at the age of two weeks.

Johnson County, Iowa

Community Note:

Pre. Willis Yoder broke his ankle in a farm accident, he had it in a cast.

Mrs. Eli S. Bontrager slipped on icy walks and broke her wrist, January 11. She has her arm in a cast and carries it in a sling.

We have several aged and feeble widows in our community, including two sisters, Mrs. Sybil Bender and Mrs. Joni (Mary Miller, also Mrs. Chris Helmuth, sitting in her rocker day after day, her head is stooped down nearly to her lap.

The people in our area who are 80 years old and older are as follows: Bishop William S. Yoder and wife Lydia; Pre. Benedict Gingerich and wife Lizzie; Pre. Benedict T. Yoder; Pre. Chris Miller; Widow, Mrs. Sybil Bender; Widow Mrs. Joni (Mary) Miller; Widow, Mrs. Pre. Joe (Mary Ann) Miller, 90; Widow, Mrs. John S. (Mary) Yoder; Widow, Mrs. Chris (Mary) Helmuth; Widower, Mahlon Gingerich; Widow, Mrs. Mose (Dora) Weaver; Ananias J. Beachy; Widow, Mrs. Enos (Anna) Yoder; John D. Gingerich.

REPORTERS!! Please try to have the babies' names before sending in the births. We would rather record them a month late than to have a blank space instead of the name. Remember to write on only one side of the paper. The sheets have to be cut to sort according to subjects. Some things will be lost or overlooked on the reverse side of the paper.

nice modern farm home and about one-half of their house is still log. It is repaired so nice and neat inside and outside, no logs showing. They are Swiss German non-Amish. Also, the place where I was born, about one and one-half miles west of our corner farm, the house is still in good repair. The main part is built of logs, covered with other material. It's still in Amish hands, too.

When my grandparents (Jacob C. Schwartzs) moved off of our place in about 1912, they moved on a farm with two houses. One was built of logs with a frame kitchen to it, the other was a frame house, much newer. In this house, they lived in, and had the log house for a summer house. The big log room was so nice and cool to eat in in summertime. I often was there to help Grandma after my aunts were married.

On October 18, 1917, my aunt Mary was married to Jacob J. Schwartz. Their wedding table was set up in this big room in the old log house. This was the last wedding to my knowledge that lasted two days. Before that the weddings were two day affairs. The first day was the church services in the morning, when the marriage was performed, then dinner and supper like is customary in the Amish church. The second day every one was supposed to go back for dinner. After dinner everyone was called into the house and when all was quiet the bishop told everyone to kneel in prayer. This is the way they closed the weddings. (For reasons unknown to the writer this custom was dropped after the wedding of October 18, 1917.) Then the people went home, all except the helpers who stayed to help wash dishes, take down the tables and help clean up and put things in order again. "It was a nice Christian way to close a wedding."

There is one log house still standing in Allen County where my uncle, John J. Schwartz was born and lived there with his parents till they moved to Adams County, Indiana in about 1909. This cabin soon will be no more as the roof is caving in. No one keeps it in repair; the trees around it are all gone, too. Trees help make a home attractive, without them it looks so barren.

Where we lived in the log house, which my father had bought, a neighbor across the road by name of, George Martz, lived in an old log cabin. He was an old man by that time and was one of the pioneers to settle Adams County. His father had a large tract of land out of the Monroe Swamp, too. I guess he saw the possibility of this ground when it could be drained. These farms are mostly in Amish hands now. It is of the best rich dark loam and sells the highest per acre of any land in Adams County. It used to be swamp land which is drained now.

When this Martz family moved west and settled here close to Monroe, (Monroe wasn't yet at that time) there were mostly just Indian trails, the roads that existed were mud roads, or trails hard to travel. This George Martz studied to be a surveyor and helped to survey Adams County and plan the roads as we have them now. A sad incident happened when his family moved west, their daughter Susan, who was married, got seperated from them somehow and they lost track of her and her family. George often told us how his parents pined and longed for their daughter, Susan; just to hear a word from her, how they are and where they are living. They didn't even know in which state they were located.

While their son, George was helping to survey the roads of Adams County, after the parents were gone, they were surveying along the Wabash River in Geneva, Indiana territory, [Geneva is four miles south of Berne or ten miles south of Monroe] they came to a log cabin where a family was living. As was customary at that time, traveling was slow and hard. They stayed and boarded at which ever place was nearest to their work, so they were here awhile. One day while they were visiting they started to talk about where they came from and who their parents were. Here was his Sister Susan and family whom their parents pined their lives away for, and all their days here in Adams County they lived so close and never knew it. They lived about twelve miles apart.

At that time there were no communication facilities as there are now. There was no postal service as we have now, hardly any roads, only Indian trails, no telephones and no radios. Everything was very primitive, no drilled wells, only hand dug wells, that's the only kind of well we had where we lived from 1912 to 1923. The Aaron Zook family bought this place from my father. They tore down the log part, or old kitchen and replaced it with a new kitchen and summer house. They also drilled a well. Of interest is an old apple tree which was growing north of the house when my parents bought this place. This tree is still healthy and bearing fruit. They are a wild variety; possibly a seed sown by Johnny Appleseed.

My husband and I live on a place one and one-fourth miles south of this old homestead. Part of our house is one of the first frame houses built in this neighborhood according to what an old lady told us who lived close here when Emanuel's parents bought this farm in the year of 1929.

Of interest to some may be information about when Adams County was first settled. We have a book of historical facts, stating the first white settlers coming to Adams County, Indiana in the year of 1820, four years after the state of Indiana was admitted to the union. The county was organized in 1836. In 1835 or 1836 the first Amish came to Adams County, but the Swartzs came much later. If I'm informed right the present Amish church in Adams County was formed in the year of 1853.

Seems the people were more contented those days, living in primitive log cabins, as of now when they have so much more materially, but wonder often, perhaps a lot less spiritually than what our forefathers had.

There would be many more facts to write about log cabin days; but will end my writing now, perhaps others can write more. Completed, Dec. 28, 1969 by Mrs. Emanuel Schmidt

HISTORY OF THE OLD ORDER AMISH OF SOMERSET COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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In 1894 trouble started concerning education. A D. H. Bender was teacher of the Normal School at Springs, Pa. and was a very well educated man and highly esteemed. Many young men attended this school to prepare for teaching school. Sunday School also entered in and of course this was not favored by the Old Order so by 1895 there was a split and Bishop Joel J. Miller had the more liberal group, the majority of which lived in Maryland. Some were in Pennsylvania as far as 8 or 10 miles north west in what is known as the Maust Corner. Their younger generation have mostly all stayed with the Maust group and are farmers, living among the Old Order Amish.

In 1895 Bishop Mannasses Beachy took sick and died in November, 1895. He had oversight of the Pennsylvania side. Mose D. Yoder, Minister on the Maryland side was ordained Bishop in 1895 or 1896. He had oversight of the Old Order Amish until 1916 when because of ill health he resigned, but he attended regularly as long as possible. Mose M. Beachy, son of Manassas Beachy was ordained minister in 1912 and in 1916 he was ordained bishop.

In about 1922 more difficulties arose which was a drawn out affair with many serious talks and ill feelings. Then in 1927 there was a split and it seemed most of the ill feelings were healed again. Here is where the Beachy Amish originated, as Mose Beachy, Bishop, and his brother Alvin, Minister, were together in starting the now well known Beachy Church. This seemed to be what many were looking forward to. Some say "Ban and Meidung" was the cause of the split but this was by far not all the cause. It is a well known fact that a few owned small trucks before the split, which later were allowed in the Beachy Church, also electricity, etc., so it had many forerunners.

From 1927 until 1953 we held services in the same houses. When we had services in one they used the other. Once a year the trustees from both churches came together and figured out all church expenses, such as upkeep, coal and horse hay, which was equally divided. Both of the congregations were very nice toward each other about the use of the church houses. They helped pay the hay because they used it every Sunday, in between church they had Sunday School.

By Noah Wengerd

LOG CABIN DAYS OF YESTERYEAR

This takes us back to days that were, when we lived in a log house, like many other people at that time.

When this century was young, around 1908, my father bought a farm in what used to be swamp land of Adams County, Indiana, around Monroe, Indiana. It was very rich dark loam, after the land was drained by open ditches and tile drains. The tiles of clay were made by three tile mills, one in each of three towns, Decatur, Berne and Monroe, Indiana. The one in Decatur is still going strong, but the other two have been closed for years.

Because the land needed a lot of tiles for drainage, the Amish church permitted their men to work in tile factories to help build up good farming ground which otherwise would have been useless.

At the time the county seat or Adams County Court House was built, Monroe was not much more than a swamp hole. It would have been the exact center of Adams County, but the court house was built in Decatur on higher ground.

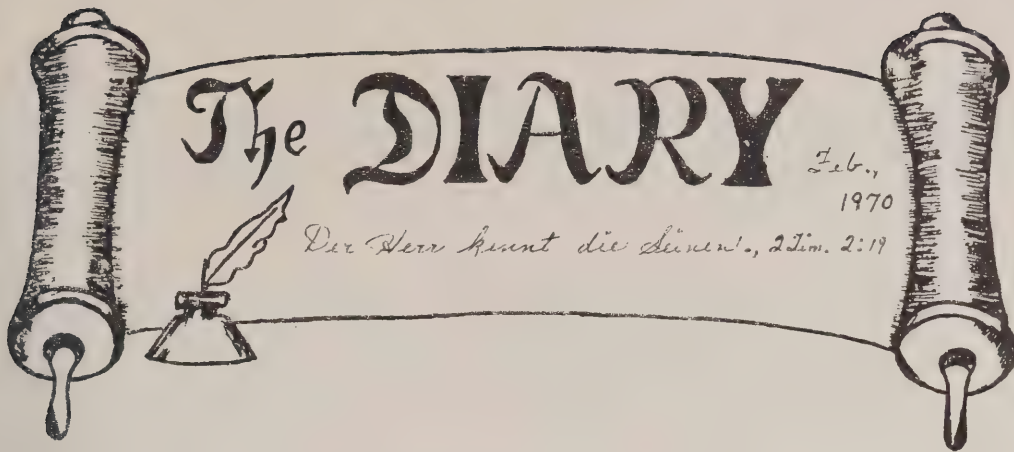
The Monroe Territory was mostly woods and swamp, when the white settlers came it was Indian Country. The Algonquin Indians mostly roamed the woods in this vicinity. There also were some mixed marriages. One highly esteemed physician and surgeon, Claude Rayl was part Algonquin Indian. His father's farm lay one-half mile south of the farm my father had bought in about 1908.

When Father (Christian J. Schwartz) bought this place, all the buildings were built of log. I can well remember the old old barn, a log house and a log woodshed.

My grandparents (Jacob C. Schwartzs) lived on this place about four years. Before we moved there Dad built a living room and bedroom, two story high, to the log part, as we were a large family. We lived there for eleven years and during this time the log buildings were all replaced with frame buildings except the house. The log part served as our kitchen, it had a cellar, also an upstairs, but the logs formed the walls with nothing over them. The kitchen was kept whitewashed with lime, instead of paint; it cost so much less.

At that time there were many log cabins and houses around this part of the country. Now they are all gone, except some were preserved by covering them over inside and outside with other material. There are more of these old log houses around than one would realize by going past. One of our neighbors to the north of us about one-fourth mile, have a

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LANCASTER CO. PA. WOMAN HIT BY CAR

Mrs. Rebecca Fisher, widow of John U. Fisher, 74 of Gordonville R1, was hit by a car while crossing Route 30 in Paradise on Thursday, February 5. She was hospitalized with a broken leg, three little broken bones in her hand and possible internal injuries. She is getting along pretty well at the home of her daughter Rebecca, Mrs. Sol Stoltzfus, of R1 Paradise, Pennsylvania 17562

HONEY BROOK, PA. FARMER DIED AFTER TRACTOR MISHAP

Naaman B. King, 53, of Honey Brook R1, died March 1 at Ephrata Community Hospital, where he had been admitted Thursday evening, February 26 after receiving injuries in a tractor accident. He suffered a fractured pelvis and ruptured bladder when the tractor he was operating on his farm toppled over onto him.

Born in Leacock Twp., he was a son of Moses S. and Ida Beiler King of Honey Brook R2. Survivors in addition to his parents include his wife, Barbara Lapp King, a son, Lloyd, Narvon R1; three daughters, Elizabeth, wife of Melvin Stoltzfus, Kinzers R1; Cora Jean and Barbara at home; three grandchildren; and these brothers and sisters: Sylvanus, Miss Ruth King, Abner and Alvin, all of Honeybrook R2; John, Honeybrook R1; Mary, wife of Henry Fisher, Gordonville; Miriam, wife of Dale Young, Dale City, Virginia.

INDIANA WOMAN DIED OF CANCER

Mrs. Amos J. (Elmina) Miller of Shipshewana R1, passed away Saturday evening, January 17, 1970 after a lingering illness of cancer. She was born June 13, 1919. She was a dau. of John E. and Lizzie (Miller) Christner and is survived by her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Andrew Troyer and Mrs. Marvin Miller

Her son Daniel was killed in an automobile accident in June of 1969.

INDIANA WOMAN DIED AFTER NEIGHBOR'S FUNERAL

Mrs. Enos E. (Ida) Miller, 65, a close neighbor of the above, passed away in the night after the funeral, January 20, 1970, apparently from a heart attack. Although not a strong woman, she had been present and helped during the funeral. Although not far, her husband had taken her back and forth in their buggy during the severe cold.

They have two daughters at home, the rest of the family is married.

ILLINOIS WOMAN DIED SOON AFTER ARRIVAL AT HOSPITAL

Anna (Hostetler), 68, wife of Deacon Levi Jess died shortly after midnight, Saturday, February 22. She ate a hearty supper and went to bed about nine o'clock but was soon short of breath and they called a doctor. He called the ambulance and took her to St. Mary's Hospital where she died soon after arrival. Funeral was held Tuesday P.M. February 24.

ILLINOIS ACCIDENTS

Harvey J. Plank fell from a ladder hurting his back. He was in the hospital a few days and will be laid up from work for a while.

His daughter, Lorene fell on the ice hurting her leg. She was able to get around on crutches a few days and is back in school again.

The week of January 12, Elven, pre-school age son of Ralph Yoder hurt his finger in a corn sheller. Gangrene set in and the finger was amputated January 16.

Noah J. Helmuth returned home from St. Mary's hospital January 22, having a broken hip. He has been confined to the house most of the time for several years.

Let us remember our bereaved ones in prayer.



"Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen."
Matth 10:14



BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, John L. (Anna Lapp) Strasburg R1, a son ELAM L., January 28
Ebersol, Eli S. (Lydia K. Miller) Strasburg R1, a daughter LEAH M., February 20
Esh, John K. (Hannah King) Kirkwood R1, a daughter HANNAH, January 26
Esh, Leroy S. (Ruth Huyard) Gordonville R1, twin daughters LYDIA and LINDA, February 14
Fisher, Aaron S. (Rachel S. Stoltzfus) Paradise, R1, a daughter LIZZIE, February 27
Fisher, David B. (Barbara S. Blank) Strasburg R1, a son JACOB, February 8
Fisher, Gideon A. (Barbara S. Esch) Gordonville R1, a son ELAM, February 4
Glick, Joseph K. (Fannie Kauffman) Christiana R1, a daughter MALINDA K., February 23
King, Jacob S. (Emma F. Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son _____, February 12
King, John B. (Barbara K. Zook) Paradise R1, a son JOHN B. JR., February 19
Lapp, David (Arie Swarey) Gordonville R1, a daughter AMANDA, February 7
Lapp, Jacob B. (Suvilla E. King) Ronks R1, a son JOHN S., February 21
Stoltzfoos, Wilmer S. (Lydia S. Fisher) Leola R1, a son ADIN FLOYD, February 19
Stoltzfus, Henry M. (Lizzie King) Gordonville R1, a daughter _____ February 10
Stoltzfus, John B. (Susan Fisher) Kirkwood R1, a son ISAAC F., February 12
Stoltzfus, Joshua L. (Mary K. Stoltzfoos) Kinzers, a son JOSHUA JR., February 5
Zook, Jonas (Elizabeth Esh) 729 Hartman St. Rd., Lancaster, a son ENOS E., February 5

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Petersheim, John L. (Mary Peachey) a daughter FANNIE, February 3
Renno, Pre. Abie S. (Malinda Peachey) a son DANIEL, February 15

Centre County, Pennsylvania

King, Abner (Ruth Fisher) a son DANIEL, January 6
Stoltzfus, Christ (Rachel Smucker) a daughter EMMA, February 16

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Peachey, Moses (Malinda Wengerd) Belleville, a son CHRISTY MOSES, January 31
Swarey, Jonathan (Susie Kanagy) Belleville, a son JACOB L., February 24
Yoder, Noah D. (Mattie Kanagy) Mill Creek, a daughter EFFIE, February 7

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Yoder, Simon (Ruth Brenneman) a son FLOYD SAMUEL, February 25

LaGrange County, Indiana

Beachy, Levi (Lorene Yoder) Shipshewana R1, a son LEONARD RAY, January 25
Beechy, Aaron (Polly Hersherberger) Topeka R2, a daughter IRENE, January 20
Bontrager, John L. (Mary Jane Weaver) Shipshewana R1, a son JOHN L. JR., February 3
Bowman, Dan (Pollyanna Miller) Shipshewana R1, a son JOHN E., February 7
Fry, Christ (Katie Mast) Shipshewana R2, a daughter CAROLYN, January 23
Miller, Ervin (Alta Yoder) LaGrange R4, a son DAVID E., January 15
Miller, Ervin N. (Mary Lambright) LaGrange R4, a daughter EILEEN, February 1
Miller, Jerry E. (Ruby Miller) Shipshewana R1, a daughter ELMA SUE, January 12
Miller, LeRoy (Mary Slabach) Shipshewana R1, a daughter CLARA MAE, January 11
Miller, Olen (Barbara Miller) Shipshewana R2, a son JERRY ALLEN, January 26
Miller, Orley (Mary Wingard) Shipshewana R2, a daughter ERMA ARLENE, February 2
Miller, Wilbur (Mattie Miller) LaGrange R4, a son DAVID, February 17
Miller, Willard (Lee Ella Mast) LaGrange R1, a daughter KAREN SUE, February 1
Nissley, LeRoy (Katie Yoder) LaGrange R4, a son WILLIAM, February 16
Petersheim, Elva (Lydia Miller) Topeka R2, a son SAMUEL, January 29
Schlabach, John (Wilma Yoder) Goshen R1, a daughter MIRIAM, February 9
Schmucker, Edward (Esther Raber) LaGrange R4, a son MELVIN, February 15
Schrock, Marvin (Catherine Yoder) Topeka R2, a daughter RUTH ANN, February 3
Yoder, Albert (Rosa Eash) Topeka R1, a daughter REGINA, January 25
Yoder, Alvin (Miriam Gingerich) LaGrange R4, a daughter MARTHA, January 24
Yoder, Dan W. (Susie Schlabach) Topeka R2, a daughter SARANNA, February 2
Yoder, Elmer (Ida Miller) LaGrange R4, a son DANIEL, January 24
Yoder, Samuel (Elizabeth Raber) Millersburg R1, a daughter LEANNA, February 14
Yoder, Wilbur (Amanda Raber) Topeka R1, a daughter MARTHA SUE, January 22

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Daviess County, Indiana

Graber, Harry (Rosemary Knepp) a son DARVIN DEVON, February 16
 Knepp, Elmer (Elvina Graber) a son DARIN WAYNE, February 18
 Knepp, Jacob (Rosann Marner) a daughter LYDIA KATHERINE, February 7
 Wittmer, Lester (Anna Catherine Knepp) a son Delmar, February 14
 Yoder, Lester (Marie Raber) a daughter ELIZABETH JEAN, February 6
 Yoder, Ora (Ada Marie Lengacher) a son LEROY, February 22

Arthur, Illinois

Gingerich, Eli (Fannie Deiner) a son REUBEN, February 23
 Herschberger, Ervin (Tillie Kauffman) a son RAYMOND, February 26
 Herschberger, Oba (Lorene Bontrager) a son PAUL, February 23
 Hostettler, Ervin (Fannie Marie Miller) a son ERVIN LEROY, February 3
 Otto, Fred and (Martha Kauffman) a son JERRY LAVERN, February 26
 Otto, Leroy (Sarah Jane Stutzman) a daughter LORENE KAY, February 25

Johnson County, Iowa

Hochstedler, Lester (Rachel Ropp) a son _____ February 18
 Miller, Fenton (Lydia Chupp) a son DALE DUANE, February 6
 Swantz, John Harvey (Fannie Mae Burkholder) a daughter _____ February 19
 Yoder, Tobe M. (Treva Gingerich) a son KEITH, February 15

BAPTISMS of LaGrange County, Indiana

By Bishop Amos N. Miller in his church district on February 8, 1970
 Susie, daughter of Levi and Amelia (Bontrager) Yoder; Pollyanna, daughter of Ira Mulletts; Marietta, daughter of Amos N. Millers; Viola, daughter of John A. Beechys
 In Dan A. Miller district by Dan A. Miller, February 15
 Mervin, son of Eli A. Millers of Daneville, Ohio; Orpha, daughter of John Whetstones; Freeda, daughter of Levi Hehmans; Mattie, daughter of Jacob Rabers; Ruth Ann, daughter of Cletus Millers.

In Abe Mast District on March 1

Ura, son of Levi U. Millers, Melvin, son of Lewis Eashs; Alta, daughter of Joni Millers.
 Arthur, Illinois, Baptismal services in Obed Diener District, February 22
 Marven, son of Jerry Dieners; Sara Mae, daughter of Joni Planks; Dorothy, daughter of Pre. Henry Millers; Paulene, daughter of Fred Masts.

MARRIAGES

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Amos, son of Pre. Daniel and Anna (Beiler) King, Lancaster R4 and Annie, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Fisher) Smoker, Gordonville R1 and widow of Levi Zook, New Holland R1 on Thursday, February 19, 1970 by Levi E. Stoltzfus

Ontario Canada

LeRoy, son of Jacob and Lydia (Miller) Eicher, Aylmer and Sarah, daughter of Eli and Anna (Miller) Troyer, Mt. Elgin, Feb. 19. (Congratulations to a faithful reporter! Ed.)

Arthur, Illinois

Melvin, son of Rudy and Lizzie (Miller) Otto and Anna Ellan, daughter of Fred and Mary (Yoder) Schlabaugh, January 6.
 Gary Dale, son of Ben and Barbara (Otto) Miller and Verna Kay, daughter of Will and Maryann (Plank) Mast, February 26 by John Herschberger.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Uriah Christner, Widower of Topeka R2 and Amanda Yoder of Topeka R2, Indiana
 Milton Yoder, Widower of Shipshewana R2 and Mrs. Christ E. Miller (Lizzie) of Legioner Olen, son of Jake Hochstedler of Kokomo, Indiana and Loretta, daughter of Eli E. and Anna (Frey) Miller, February 26.

Daviess County, Indiana

Leonard Wagler and Alta Marie Knepp by Bishop Fred W. Knepp in February 1
 Alva Graber and Diana Stoll by Bishop Fred W. Knepp on February 1

ANNIVERSARY

Our oldest couple, Bishop Amos and Mattie Wittmer were married 64 years, February 15. Amos is 87 and Mattie 85. They are well and able to attend church.

REPORTERS!!

Please try to have the babies' names before sending in the births. We would rather record them a month late than to have a blank space instead of the name. Remember to mail your material before the 3rd of each month. Information that arrived late will be carried over to the next month.

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From a Farm Ledger of 1870
Jonathan L. Fisher vs. John Harris
"Feb. 5, Chaght For apples and soap \$.97"

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

The snow is almost all melted. A lot of manure was hauled the last couple of weeks. Farmers are attending Farm Sales and getting harnesses and plows ready for spring plowing.
by Eli S. King

We had nice February weather with some rain and a few light snowfalls. It warmed up toward the middle of the month. There is some frost in the ground. The temperature ranged from 4 above to the high of 40 above. Total rainfall was 1.5 inches and snowfall, 3.4".
by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Farm Prices: Fat Steers up to \$32.00 Cwt.; Veal, 58.00 Cwt.; Hogs, 29.00 Cwt., Feeder Pigs, .65 lb.; Potatoes, 3.50 to 4.00 Cwt.; Corn, 1.39 bu.; Corn, 1.39 bu.; Wheat, 1.41 bu.; Barley, 1.02 bu.; Oats, .78 bu.; Ear Corn 37.00 Ton; Hay, alfalfa up to 51.50 Ton, mixed hay, 26.00 to 45.00 Ton; Straw from 39. to 46.00 Ton.

Rainfall for Bareville area was 2.2 inches, snowfall around 6 inches.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania by David Y. Renno

The weather was mostly fair and cold, no thaws and less wind than usual. Precipitation for the month was 3.25 inches which makes an excess of 1.04 for the month. Total for the year so far is 4.13". Snowfall in February was 7.5" making a total snowfall for the winter of 49.7 inches. Still some snow banks remain from the December blizzards. Farmers can use their manure spreaders again.

The 17 year locust are due in this area this summer. In 1953 they were here in great numbers. Fence posts were covered with them. The trees turned brown from their sting and fruit trees were damaged that year.

Centre County, Pennsylvania

We had cold weather in February and lots of snow. The bare spots are getting bigger but there is a lot of snow to melt yet.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania by Catherine Swarey

February came in warmer, rained 1 inch, more or less, a beautiful rainbow the evening of February 2. Moisture is above normal. Second week was colder and snowed, 9th and 10th a soft wet snow which melted a lot. Morning of 9th such large flakes like I never saw before, the size of cotton balls. On the 11th it was still snowing and started to blow, the roads were closed again. The latter part of the month we had about a week of nice sunny days. The 26th it was zero again. Highest temperature was 55 above and the lowest, zero. The Horned Owl was heard 3 successive nights around February 15. Farmers are now working at their manure piles which have piled up considerably with all the snow this winter. Quite a lot of corn fodder is still on shock which farmers would have used for bedding if they could have got it in. Straw is getting scarce.

Farm Prices: Fat hogs, \$29. per 100; 8 wk. pigs, 20. to 23.; beef cows, 15¢ to 23¢; veal calves, 55¢; lambs, 25¢; Jan. milk, 5.86 for 3.5 test; eggs, large, 63¢, med., 48¢; Hay, mixed, \$28. per ton, Alfalfa, 35. to 38. per ton, straw, 30.00. J. H. Glick's annual horse sale was held Jan. 31, 2 teams brought over \$800., quite a few others, \$300. to 375.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania by Abe S. Kingsinger

Still lots of snow through February with changable weather. People are ready to start boiling maple syrup, with some having topped already, but no big run of syrup yet. There was no plowing done yet this spring.

by Noah Wengerd

Weather this winter was very old fashioned with much snow. Many people complained, but the snow was a blessing if people only knew it. This was a good insulator for buildings and the crops. On Wed. morning, the 25th, temperature was up to 40 above. Thurs morning, 5 below and Friday morning, 25 above. Fields are showing up, but we have a snow drift that can last till May. May 28 is the latest on record we have of snow here.

Apple Creek, Ohio by Mrs. Christ S. Petersheim

Below freezing the biggest part of month, snowed a lot but melted soon, also had some very nice sunny days. Some corn out yet that farmers are husking with machine when weather permits.

St. Mary's County, Maryland by Amos R. Stoltzfus

February 2nd and 3rd we had a lot of rain, turning to snow in the evening of the 3rd. Next morning it was 8 above, 45 degrees colder than 24 hours earlier, and windy. On the 9th and 10th we had a lot of rain. The 14th it started snowing and turned to rain that night. It rained and froze most all day Sunday the 15th. By Tuesday, with cold raw windy weather we had ice over everything. In between these dates and the rest of the month we had some nice fine weather, some days cold and others nice and sunny.

Daviess County, Indiana by Lester Marner

Prices on Current Sales: hogs, \$28.00; milk, 4.60 per 100 lb.; hay, 65 to 75¢ per bale; corn 1.22. We had 2 mornings of zero but had several warm sunny days for Feb.

Arthur, Illinois

On January 1, 1970 we had about 4 inches of snow from last year, temperature during the day was in the thirties. Jan. 3, about 5" if snow, temp., 12 above; Jan. 5, 5 above, a very beautiful morning with frost on trees, twigs $\frac{1}{4}$ " were loaded with frost equal to 1 inch diameter; Jan. 6, 10 below; Jan. 7, 17 below; Jan. 11 to 17, thawing some during days, snow was about half gone; Jan. 18, 4 below; Jan. 20, 12 below; Jan. 21, warmer, thawing; Jan. 29, temp at noon, 64, snow about all gone; Feb. 1, temp in high 30s; Feb. 2, No ground hog shadow was blowing from north west all day, some snow and cloudy, 10 above

Aylmer Ontario, Canada by Leroy Eicher

Changable weather, some cold and some warm. Warmer than average for February. Most of the snow has melted.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Arthur, Illinois

January 16, Mrs. Andy J. Schrock had surgery at Mattoon hospital, returned home Jan. 10.

Eli M. Otto was taken to Mattoon hospital December 26, 1969, had prostate operation on January 5, has a heart condition and dropsy, returned home with some improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra A. Diener left January 5 for Indianapolis, Indiana to visit their granddaughter Kathryn, daughter of Jake and Martha Marie (Miller) Diener, Topeka, Indiana. She had pneumonia and was in LaGrange hospital and is now at the research hospital at Indianapolis for heart condition.

Kenneth, son of Monroe S. and Lydia (Schrock) Miller, born December 11, 1969 had surgery the week of January 12 to change the outlet in his stomach.

January 8, Mrs. Omar Kuhns underwent surgery for gallstones at the Mattoon hospital with good results.

Mrs. John M. Stutzman returned home from the hospital February 5, had surgery on her nose.

Jake D. Chupp came home from St. Mary's hospital February 13, was there 5 days for treatment of low blood pressure.

Mrs. Albert Hostetler was at Champaign, Illinois hospital, had treatment for gallstones and other ailments.

Dorothy, 16 year old daughter of John and Barbara Otto entered St. Mary's hospital and came home Feb. 20, having had treatment for bleeding ulcers, received 4 pints of blood, seems to be getting along alright.

Lydia Mae, 32, wife of Levi J. Yoder entered the St. Mary's hospital Feb. 22, seems to have pneumonia and is improving by last reports.

Movings for January

January 7, Eli J. Yoder left with his household goods for Milton, Iowa to make that their future home.

January 8, Edwin Herschberger moved in with Joe A. Herschberger where Elis had been.

January 14, Min, David J. Stutzman left with their belongings for Milton, Iowa to make that their future home. Mrs. Stutzman is a sister to Eli J. Yoder

OBITUARIES

Allgyer, stillborn daughter of Reuben S. and Sadie R. Petersheim Allgyer, Honey Brook R2 was born February 7 at the Lancaster General Hospital. A brother Lester survives.

Maternal grandparents are Amos K. and Lavina Stoltzfus Petersheim, Narvon R2; paternal grandparents are John and Lizzie Stoltzfoos Allgyer, Gap R1; maternal great grandparents are Stephen M. Stoltzfus, Gap R1, and Mrs. Betsy Stoltzfus, New Holland R2.

Burial services were held at Millwood Cemetery by Levi Riehl.

Beiler, Daniel F., aged 85 of Quarryville R3, Pennsylvania

died February 17 at the home of his daughter Mrs. Joshua Zook, with whom he resided.

Born in Lancaster County, he was the son of the late Benjamin and Nancy Stoltzfus Beiler.

His wife Lydia L. Beiler Beiler survives and 9 children: Malinda, wife of Benjamin F. King, Kirkwood; Nancy, wife of Joshua Zook, with whom he resided; Elizabeth, wife of Christ E. Fisher, Paradise; Barbara, wife of Jacob S. Zook, Christiana R1; Naomi, wife of Aaron Hertzler, Mechanicsville, Md.; Lydia, wife of Levi Smoker, Christiana R1; Benjamin S., Ronks; Menno S., Christiana R1; Christ S. Paradise R1; also 1 brother, Christ S., Gordonville R1; 61 grandchildren and 71 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services at Joshua Zooks on Feb. 19 were held by Gideon Lapp and John S. Glick, Hymn read by Elam B. Stoltzfoos, burial at Georgetown Cemetery

OBITUARIES (continued)

Beiler, Mrs. Rachel E., widow of Eli K. Beiler aged 78 years and 16 days of Ronks R1, Penna. died at the home of her son Jacob E. with whom she resided. Born in Leacock Twp., she was a daughter of the late Jacob and Lydia Esh King.

Surviving are 11 children, Christian K. Lititz R3; Jacob E., Ronks R1; Salome, wife of John I. Smoker, Myerstown R2; Rachel K., wife of David Smoker, Myerstown R3; Katie K., wife of Jacob M. Lapp, Lancaster R4; Leah, wife of David Ebersol, Leola R1; Rebecca, wife of Isaac Ebersol, Lancaster R4; Annie, Mary and Lydia at home. Other survivors are 37 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and the following brother and sisters, Mary, wife of Isaac Zook, Christiana; Mrs. Lizzie Blank, New Providence; Leah, wife of John P. Miller, Strasburg; John E. and Jacob E. King, both of Narvon and Samuel King, Leola R1, Pa.

Funeral services were held at the late home Sat. Feb. 14 by Aaron Esh and David K. Blank, burial in Myer's Cemetery.

Bender, Erma, daughter of Elmer F. and Elizabeth (Schlabach) Bender of Wolcottville R2, Ind. was born December 1, 1969 and died February 23, 1970, at the age of 2 months and 22 days. She had been ill since birth. Surviving besides the parents are 3 brothers, Harry, in service in Kokomo, Indiana, Harley and Wilbur at home, 3 sisters, Susie Ellen, Mary Edna and Lorene all at home; also the following grandparents, Sam A. Schlabach, Mrs. Joas Troyer and step-grandfather, Joas Troyer.

Esh, Rachel S., wife of Daniel F. Esh, aged 67 of Narvon R1, Pennsylvania

died February 7 in the Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital. She had suffered a heart attack a few days earlier. Born in Caernarvon Twp., she was the daughter of the late Jonas and Rachel Stoltzfus Stoltzfus. Her husband survives and these children, Sadie, wife of John Zook, Narvon R1; Jonas and Stephen, Elverson R2; Rebecca, wife of David Smoker, East Earl R1; Barbara, wife of Ammon Stoltzfus, Elverson; David, Churchtown; Lena, wife of Daniel Esh, Gordonville R1 and John of Narvon R1; 38 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She was the last of her immediate family.

Funeral services were held on February 10 by Christ Glick and Ben Z. Stoltzfus in the farm house, hymn read by Christ Lapp. In Dan's house by John O. Stoltzfus and Elam Zook where the nearest relatives were, hymn read by Jonathan Lantz. Her age was 67 yrs. 9 mo. and 6 days. To view the body the ones from the farm house had to cross Route 23 and the traffic was held back to let them pass, burial was in Mast's Cemetery.

Glick, Daniel aged 63 of Johnson County, Iowa

died at his home after a lingering illness of heart trouble. Surviving are his wife, the former Malinda E. Yoder and 5 children, Harley of Illinois; Elsie, (wife of John Henry Beachy and Elva, wife of Samuel Gingerich both of Guthrie, Ky; Enos, living at home, and John of Wapello, Iowa, also 1 brother and 5 sisters.

Funeral services were conducted by Jonas B. Yoder of Garnett, Kansas and Bishop Glen Bender in the large house and by Toby Miller and Enos Swartzentruber in the small house. A number of relatives and friends came for the funeral from Ind., Ohio, Pa., Ky. & Tenn.

Knepp, Rosanna, widow of Samuel, aged 70 of Montgomery R1, Indiana

died at her home February 8. She was born December 6, 1900, a daughter of Isaac and Magdalena (Stoll) Yoder. Her husband, Samuel, whom she married in January of 1919 died in June of 1969. Survivors include 7 daughters, Mary, wife of Elmer Stoll, Susie, wife of John Henry Wagler; Alma, wife of Joe Stoll and Rosie, wife of Leroy Stoll, all of Montgomery; Amanda, wife of Alvin Yoder; Cannelburg; Fannie, wife of Menno Raber and Naomi, wife of Amos Graber, both of Loogootee; four sons, Samuel Knepp Jr., Montgomery; Noah Knepp, Cannelburg; Joseph Knepp, Loogootee and Wilmer Knepp, Washington.

She also leaves 82 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers, Amos Yoder, LaGrange, Indiana; John Yoder, Hicksville, Ohio; Louis Yoder, Odon and one sister, Mary, wife of William Wagler, Hicksville, Ohio.

Funeral services were held Feb. 11 by Bishop Peter Yoder of Aylmer, Canada. burial in Stoll Cemetery

Lapp, John, infant son of Benuel and Lizzie S. (King) Lapp of Narvon R1, Pennsylvania

was born and died February 4, lived one hour. Services were held by Daniel S. Stoltzfus, burial in Mast's Cemetery.

Miller, Elmina, wife of Amos J. of Shipshewana, Indiana (see front page)

She was married to Amos J. Miller January 18, 1940. Survivors include 2 daughters, Mary, wife of Andrew C. Troyer, Topeka R2 and Katie, wife of Marvin N. Miller, living at home; 1 sister, Edna, wife of Ura Yoder, Paoli, Ind. 3 half brothers, San Christner, of Wolcottville R1; Wm S. Miller, LaGrange R1; 5 half sisters, Mrs. Levi S. Miller, Hazelton, Iowa, Mrs. Menno J.S. Yoder, Topeka R2; Mrs. Ammon Lambricht, Topeka R1 and Mrs. Jacob Hochstetler and Mrs. Levi Wingard both of Shipshewana. Funeral services were held Jan. 20.

Miller, Ida J., wife of Enos E. Miller of Shipshewana R1, Indiana (see front page)

Survivors include 8 children, Ida, wife of Amos R. Bontrager, Shipshewana R1; Mrs. Ervin S. Bontrager Shipshewana R1; Alma, wife of Daniel D. Beechy, Topeka R2; Mrs. Mervin S. Mast LaGrange R1 and Amanda at home; Harley and Jerry both of Shipshewana R1 and Ezra LaGrange; these brothers and sisters; Ameliz, widow of Joseph S. Mast, Topeka R1; Polly, wife of Ezra A. Yoder, Anna, widow of John Raber, Edna, wife of Milo Bontrager, Wm & Monroe.

Die zweite Aufgab

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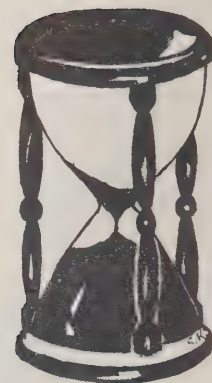
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The Hour Glass



(Written the beginning of 1932)

I know not what the year may bring
Nor know I what the year may take
But take or bring whatever it may
I know that there can come no day
In which I may not trust and sing
The Lord my soul will not forsake.

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The moments fly, a minute's gone
The minutes fly, an hour is run
The hour is fled, the night is here
Thus flies a week, a month, a year.

A year, alas, how soon 'tis past
Who knows but this may be my last
A few short years how soon they are fled
And we are numbered with the dead.

Time like an ever flowing stream
Sweeps us away, our life's a dream
An empty tale, a morning flower
Cut down and withered in an hour.

75 YEARS AGO

From "Sarah E. Beiler, Writing Book"

Salome, wife of Samuel Beiler,
Died February 11, 1895
Aged 38 years, 10 mo., 26 days.

UNITED IN MARRIAGE

January 1, 1895, Benjamin Fisher and Katie Stoltzfus; January 3, 1895, Aaron S. King and Lydia Fisher; January 8, 1895, Samuel Glick and Salinda Mast; January 10, 1895, Jonathan Z. Beiler and Katie Fisher; February 7, 1895, John Ebersole and Laura Miller.

From NEW HOLLAND CLARION'S "Over The Trail To The Past"

Samuel Augspurger of Voganville caught two large chicken hawks in a trap. The one measured $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet across the wings. He sold the birds to Frank Ream, who stuffed and mounted them.

In his column the editor noted that this was a real old fashioned winter, the kind that grandfathers used to talk about when he was a boy--winters when there was sleighing for two or three months and the Conestoga wagons passed over snow drifts as high as the fences. Every generation must have at least one memorable cold, snowy winter to keep alive the story of "winter like it used to be in the old days."

A big ice crop was housed this year. The Susquehanna was jammed with ice from Port Deposit to near Columbia. If a sudden thaw occurred, it was feared there would be great destruction of property.

Another snow storm hit New Holland on Thursday and although there was no more than about eight inches of snow, the winds were high and drifted roads and railways shut. There were no trains running on the Pennsylvania Railroad up until noon Friday when one managed to get as far as Conestoga Junction before it was stuck in a snow drift.

February 16, 1895: Weather reports dominated the front page of the Clarion this week. Heavy snow and high winds had combined to produce a record breaking blizzard. Temperatures had ranged from 4 to 15 degrees below zero. Roads and railroads were blocked for days. No mail arrived or departed from New Holland between Thursday evening and Tuesday morning. This was two days longer than during the big blizzard of 1888. Men began shoveling in the railroad cuts on Sunday where the snow was too deep for the locomotives to push their way through. Roads were drifted shut and most travel was across the fields. Every sleigh that came to town carried its shovels and axe. Frequently post fences had to be crossed and an axe was necessary to open the way.

The bitter cold winter was in evidence all over the world. Reports from London, from Russia and Germany and even from Japan carried the details of phenomenally severe weather. The whole earth north of the 30th parallel was ice bound. It was doubtful if existing records in meteorology could produce a similar situation

Not now but in the coming years
It may be in a better land
We'll read the meaning of our tears
And there sometime we'll understand.

We'll catch the broken threads again
And finish what we here began
Heaven will the mysteries explain
And then, ah then, we'll understand.

Lydia Petersheim's Diary

Farewell, My Father, Mother dear
'Tis God's will that I leave you here
Farewell, Husband and Children dear
Till we shall meet--till Christ is near.

The Birdsboro man who undertook to thaw out a frozen water pipe in his dwelling with a blazing torch met with the same success that the farmer did who went to burn out a hornets nest in his barn. The work was accomplished but it was at the expense of the entire building.

The Lititz Record called attention to a serious danger and made a very wise suggestion in the following item: The practice of crowding large numbers of people into rooms of old houses at funerals occasionally produced a panic when the floors cracked and sank. In the fright people were often unjured. It ought to be the business of funeral directors to inspect such floors before they permitted large crowds on them.

50 YEARS AGO

United in Marriage

February, 1920, Pre. and widower Joseph Zook to Lizzie Swartzentruber of Dover, Del. They moved to this place the following year.

From NEW HOLLAND CLARION'S "Over The Trail To The Past"

The Susquehanna River had been ice bound for more than eight weeks at Columbia and vicinity. The ice at present measured from fifteen to twenty two inches. Rivermen said it had been many years since the river presented such a condition. A sudden thaw and heavy rain was feared. Some had figured upon the vastness of the body of ice, and had calculated that if men would get busy and cut and store it, it would be worth several billions of dollars.

The long continuance of sleighing had brought out some sleighs that had not seen the light of day for a long time.

More cases of pneumonia were at present being reported daily in Lancaster than influenza. There were about ten new cases each day. Quite a number of them were proving fatal.

February 28, 1920: Everyone was urged to go to church tomorrow. Those who did not would miss a chance that came only once in forty years. It was February 29 and this only fell on a Sunday every forty years.

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past, we will mention of the family of Christian Zug or Zook who was a son of Johannes Zug who came to this country on September 21, 1742 on the ship "Francis and Elizabeth," George North, Master from Rotterdam, Holland last from Deal, England. Together with his two brothers, Christian and Moritz Zug. They selected their home in Bern Twp., Berks County, Pennsylvania, now Center Twp. Sometime after the Indian massacre of 1757, Johannes Zug moved from Berks Co. south to the border line of Chester and Lancaster Co., Pa. in West Nathmeal Twp. now Honey Brook Twp, Chester Co., where he formed a settlement of Amish Brethren by the names of Millers, Zooks and Fishers. Johannes Zug died there in 1790 and is buried in an old grave yard without any tombstone markers. There was at one time a substantial stone wall built around the burial ground, 4 ft. high and 48 ft. long and 18 ft. wide, but due to no one taking care of it, it was left in a delapidated condition, until the last decade a new wall was erected and marker put there in his memorial.

Johannes Zug had five children, the oldest was Hans Zug married to Magdalena Fisher, one of their daughters married to Christopher Esh, the parents of Shem Esh of Union Co. Pa., he married second to Anna Sharp and third to Barbara (Mast) Hostetler. They moved to Mifflin Co. and was better known as "Der dick Hens Zug." Second was Christian Zug whom we will later mention in this column. Third was Daniel Zug who was an Amish minister in the vicinity of Reading, Berks Co. Fourth was Barbara, born in 1762 and married to Jakob King. Fifth was Elizabeth, born 1763 and died in 1773.

Christian Zug, second son of Johannes Zug was born in 1756 in Berks Co. Pa. and married to Magdalena Mast daughter of Jacob Mast who was the first Amish Bishop of the Conestoga Valley. According to deeds, Christian Zug and his wife, Magdalena purchased a tract of land of 114 acres from David and Esther Witmer, north of Gordonville in Leacock Twp. where Levi L. Fisher and Samuel S. Lapp now live. This tract being a part of 218 acres which Thomas and John Penn conveyed to William Porter in 1774. In 1785, Porter sold 201 acres to Nathanel Torbet or Tolbet. On October 3, 1787 this 201 acre tract was sold to David and Esther Witmer who in turn sold 114 acres in 1791 to Christian and Magdalena Zug of Carnarvon Twp. Here they raised a family of eight children as follows: (1) Jacob Zook married Elizabeth Hostetler (2) John Zook married Barbara Kauffman (3) Christian Zook married Leah Bair (4) David Zook married Susanna Lefever. By his second wife, Hannah (Stonecipher) Feeser: (5) Daniel Zook married Katie Snyder (6) Mary Zook married Solomon Schmucker who was a son of John and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Schmucker and resided on the first farm west of Morgantown where the late Henry Stoltzfus lived and later occupied by Deacon Jacob L. Stoltzfus now of Union District in Lower Lancaster Co. (7) Leah Zook Married to Henry Koffroth (8) Elias Zook married to Mary Sheaffer. However there are none of the Christian Zug family members of the Amish congregation anymore. Although there are a few descendants living in the town of Intercourse, being affiliated with the United Brethren Church, most of the descendants, however being members of the German Baptist and the German Reformed churches. In 1826 Christian Zug and wife Magdalena sold their farm to John King Jr. and his wife Elizabeth. Christian Zug died in 1829 at the age of 72 years, his wife Magdalena died in 1842 and both are buried in the Amish Cemetery at Gordonville.

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Unsere Geistliche Bücher

Lasset das Wort Christi unter euch reichlich wohnen in aller Weisheit; lehret und vermahneth euch selbst mit Psalmen und Lobgesangen und geistlichen Liedern, und singet dem Herren in eurem Herzen.
Kolosser 3:16

Hymn No. 7, Unpartheyisches GESANG-BUCH

Nun Gott lob! es ist vollbracht,
Singen, baten, lahren, horen;
Gott hat alles wohl gemacht,
Drum laszt uns sein lob vermehren.
Unser Gott sey hoch gepreiset,
Dasz er uns so wohl gespeiset.

Wenn der kirchendienst ist aus,
Und uns mitgetheilt der segen,
So gehn wir mit fried nach haus,
Wandeln fein auf Gottes wegen.
Gottes Geist uns ferner leite,
Und uns alle wohl bereite.

Unsern ausgang segne Gott,
Unsern eingang gleicher maszen,
Segne unser taglich brod,
Segne unser thun und lassen,
Segne uns mit sel'gem sterben,
Und mach uns zu himmelseiben.

UNPARTHEYISCHES GESANG-BUCH

VORREDE

Zu der ersten Auflage dieses Werks.

An alle Gottliebende Seelen.

Hiermit erscheint nun das Neue, unpartheyische Gesangbuch zum erstenmal in diesem Welt theile. Nicht in der Absicht etwas Neues vor die Ohren der Menschen zu bringen, auch nicht um andere Bucher zu verachten; sondern unser Wille war, schöne, erbauliche und geistreiche Lieder aus verschiedenen Gesangbuchern zusammen zu ziehen, um ein unpartheyisches Buch oder Lieder-Sammlung allen Liebhabern und Verehrern des gütigen Jehovah's in die Hande zu liesern.

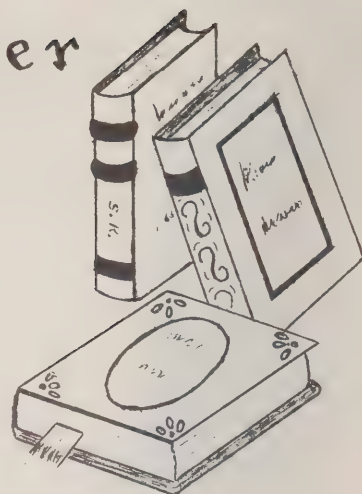
In der Auswahl der Lieder, befeleiszigten wir uns blos solche zu nahmen, die sich auf das Wort des Herrn grundeten; an welches wir uns allein und vest zu halten haben. Und der aufrichtige Wunsch unsers Herzens ist: dasz nicht allein mit dem Mund Psalmen, Lobgesange und geistliche Lieder zum Lobe Gottes möchten angestimmt werden, sondern dasz auch ein jedes Herz, Sinn und Gemüth durch den heiligen Geist zubereitet würde, um ein stilles Zion zu seyn, da man Gott beständig lobet. Dann wann das Herz durch den Hammer des Gesetzes zerschlagen wird, so kann der Mensch durch dieses Gnadenmittel zu der Erkenntnis seiner selbst kommen, und den sündlichen Zustand seiner armen Seele erkennen lernen.--Durch diese Erkenntnis sehnet er sich nach der wahren Versöhnung durch des Lammes Blut, um wiederum geheiligt und würdig gemacht zu werden zu der Kindschaft Gottes in Christo; da dann ein jedes seine Harfe bringet, und sein besonderes Loblied singet, wann wir dort zu sammen kommen aus allen Geschlechtern, Zungen, Sprachen und Volkern.

Diese glauben wir von Herzen und bekennen es frey, dasz an jenen groszen Tag aus allen Geschlechtern und Volkern unter der Zahl der Kinder Gottes sich befinden werden; denn wir erkennen keine andre Seligkeit, als die Gnade und Barmherzigkeit Gottes. Ja die Duldmuthigkeit Jesu Christi achten wir für uns and andere ihre Seligkeit. 2 Petr. 3, 15.

Im Nachdenken über uns selbst und über unsere Mennonisten Gemeinen, unter welchen wir stehen, finden wir wohl Ursache, Glieder zu singen mit jenem alten Volk Isreal, da die Mauern zu Zion zerbrochen und ihr Heiligthum in Staub und Aschen lag, Pa. 137. Die Mauern unserer Gemeinde werden auch löchericht, und die Evangelische Ordnung, Matth. 18. wird bey vielen wenig geachtet, und die Weltliebe nimmt zu viel Platz, wodurch Liebe, Frieden, Sanftmuth und Demuth zu Boden fallt; da doch die Liebe das einigte Bruderband ist; denn wo diese fehlt, so sind doch alle Verbindungen nicht gultig vor Gott.

Es ist zwar wohl die Taufe ein Bund eines guten Gewissens mit Gott, und eine Einverleibung in eine Christliche Gemeinde. Wann der Mensch erstlich zur Erkenntnis seiner Sünden kommt, und zur Busze zu Gott und zum Glauben an Jesum Christu.; dann hat der Herr befohlen die Glaubigen zu taufen, Marc. 16, 16. Matth. 28, 19. Viele von unserer Jugend achten diesen Befehl sehr gering, verachten Gottes Rath wider sich selbst, und lassen sich nicht taufen, Luc. 7, 30.

Zum Andenken an die Vater und frommen Blutzeugen oder Martyrer, die ihr Leben williglich als Zeugen der Wahrheit des Worts dargaben, haben wir einige ihrer Lieder mit in dieses Gesangbuch eingeruckt; insonderheit eines von Georg Simon, ein sehr erbaulich Lied an die Jugend gerichtet, und das sich anfangt: "Merkt auf ihr Volker alle;" und eins von einen



jungen Helden und Streiter in Jesu Christo, welches anfangt: "Als man zählt tausend fünf hundert Jahr;" sammt vielen andern worinnen sehr erbauliche Aufmunterungs-Lehren gefunden werden. Weilen diese wahre Streiter und Verehrer des Welt-Heilandes waren, und zu einer Zeit lebten, wo der Verfolgungs-Geist und Gewissens-Zwang allenthalben herrschte, auch einige ihrer Lieder beyzubehalten.

Hier hingegen wohnen wir in einen freyen Land, unter einer Obrigkeit, die uns alle Gewissensfreyheit gonnet--und genießen einen grossen Segen von Gott, sammt vielen Wohlthaten, wofür wir pflichtmaszig ihm zu danken schuldig sind. Weiters finden wir uns verpflichtet der Obrigkeit unterthan zu seyn, und Gott für sie zu bitten, und unsern Nächsten und Nebenmenschen, wie auch unsere Feinde zu lieben, und gedenken also bey allen unsern Grundsätzen zu verbleiben, zu leben und zu sterben; denn der Grund und das Fundament ist gelegt, ein jeder sehe nur zu, wie er darauf baue.

Zum Beschlusz, geliebte Sanger und Sangerinnen, Laser, oder wer du auch bist, du wirst in diesem Buche schöne Lieder, Gesänge und Psalmen finden: Ein jegliches lerne, ermuntere und vermahne sich selbst mit Psalmen, Lobgesängen und geistlichen lieblichen Liedern, und singet dem Herrn in euren Herzen, Coloss. 3, 16. Denn das Gesang des Gottlosen ist dem Herrn nicht angenehm, sollte gleich ein Lieblicher Ton geführt werden: Das Gesang welches dem Herrn angenehm ist, geschiehet in Demuth von den Kindern Gottes, deren Herz und Mund durch den heiligen Geist zum Loben und Danken gewogen wird. Alle werden solche geistreiche Gesänge in diesem Buche finden, die sich zu ihrem Seelen-Zustand schicken.

Prüfet alles, und das Gute behaltet.--Der heilige Geist wolle, dann das rechte Gesang in unserer aller Herzen anstimmen, der allein dasselbe zu einer rechten himmlischen Harfe und Gottes Instrument machet, das ohne laute Stimme gesungen werden kann. Wozu wir von Herzen den Segen und Beystand Gottes erflehen, durch Jesum Christum, Amen! Gott und dem Lamm allein die Ehre!

THE ORIGIN OF THE UNPARTHEYISHES GESANGBUCH

by Amos B. Hoover

UNPARTHEYISHES GESANGBUCH is a hymn book still in wide use among Old Order Mennonites and Amish.

Hymn singing in the Mennonite and Amish Churches has made much advancement in the 439 years since the birth of the Swiss Brethren Church. It must be remembered that when our forefathers were still Catholic, the lay members did practically no singing in church. Singing was also dangerous for the Mennonite fathers because it may attract Officers who outlawed Anabaptism. Some authorities say, "The very first Mennonites did not favor congregational singing (Conrad Grebel) because of the Zwinglian influence." Anabaptistic hymn singing was born out of pure necessity and accepted into the church slowly. Perhaps this is why the Amish stop singing when the ministers enter the place of worship, no singing is done during the service until after the benediction is pronounced. The Mennonite practices were very similar and some Old Orders still pronounce the benediction before the final hymn.

The ancient martyr hymns of the Ausbund were slowly being supplimented by other books in Mennonite services, even before the Revolutionary War, especially the Reformed Neu Vermehrtes Gesangbuch, also the Brethern book, Davidische Psalterspiel and others.

It became evident that the Mennonites needed songs other than the martyr songs. The Mennonite Encyclopedia states Deacon Martin Mellinger's letter of 1821, telling about the condition leading to the preparation of our Unpartheyisches Gesangbuch in 1803-4.*

The book appears a compromise between orthodox Psalms, martyr songs and more modern gospel songs. The preface indicates that they were selected according to Mennonite Faith, but chosen from many books. This may be one reason that the book is called Unpartheyisches which means impartial. The book was to serve all Mennonite areas who at that time were one brotherhood. The collectors borrowed heavily from the Ausbund in character and content and it is likely that umparthtyisch was copied from the title page of the Ausbund, which implies that it is for use impartially by all Christians regardless of demonination. The first edition was in 1804 and the latest in 1962 with at least twenty editions in all. Each edition bears the Lancaster name. The first was printed by John Albrecht.

The 1804 title page reads: Ein Unpartheyisches Gesang-Buch enthaltend Geistreiche Lieder und Psalmen, zum Allgemein Gebrauch des Wahren Gottesdienstes. Auf Begehren der Bruderschaft der Mennonistion Gemeinen aus Vielen Liederbüchern gesammelt. Mit einem dreifachen Register. Zum Erstenmal ans Licht gestellt. . . Lancaster; Gedruckt bey Johann Albrecht, 1804.

The fly-leaf reads (1804): District of Pennsylvania, to wit L. S. Be it Remembered, That on the Twenty-sixth Day of November, in the twenty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States of America, John Albright, of the said District hath deposited in this Office the right whereof he claims as proprietor, in the words following to wit: (in English translation would read) An Impartial song book composed of spiritual songs and Psalms, for general use in true worship of God, collected upon the desire of the brotherhood of the Mennonite Churches, out of many hymnbooks. With a three-part index. Brought to light for the first time. Printed by John Albright, 1804.

The preface of the hymn book is both touching and historical and reads in translation as follows:

PREFACE - To all Souls who love God.

Here appears for the first time in this part of the country the new impartial Song Book. Not with the intention of bringing something new to the ears of the people, also not to discredit other books, but our purpose was to collect beautiful, edifying and spiritual songs from different song books, into an impartial book or song collection of hymns available to all those who love and honor the good Jehovah.

In the selection of these songs we take pain to choose only those which are based on the Word of the Lord, to which we alone restricted ourselves, and the sincere wish of our heart is: that to sing Psalms, Praises and Hymns, not with our voices only, but that also each heart, mind and soul fitted by the Holy Spirit, in order to have a quiet haven, that one can praise God continually, that when one's heart be broken through the force of the law, then can Mankind through this means of Grace learn the real sinful condition of his soul, through this confession he draws near the true atonement through the Blood of the Lamb, in order to become holy and worthy for the family of God in Christ, where each one brings his own harp and sings his own favorite hymn, when we all come together Over There from all generations, tongues, languages and nations.

We sincerely believe with our heart and confess it freely that on that great Day when from all generations and nations, we will find ourselves among the number of the children of God, because we profess no other salvation than the grace and mercy of God. Yes, we reckon the long-suffering of Jesus Christ is the means of salvation for us and others. 2 Peter 3, 15.

While considering ourselves and our Mennonite congregations of which we are a part, we find good reasons to sing lamentable songs, with the old people Isreal, whose walls of Zion were broken down and their holiness layed in the dust and ashes. Ps. 137. The walls of our church have become full of holes and the rules of the Gospel, Matt. 18 is being little cared for by many and the love of the world takes too much place, through which, love, peace, meekness and humility is falling to the ground, even that is the love of some of the brotherhood and where this love fails, even so all in the union are acceptable before God.

Baptism indeed is a seal of a good conscience before God and an incorporation into a Christian Church, if a person first confesses his sins and comes to repent before God and to faith in Jesus Christ, then the Lord has commanded to baptize the believers. Mark 16, 16, Matthew 28, 19. Many of our youth consider this command very unimportant, disregarding God's council against themselves and do not allow themselves to be baptized. Luke 7, 30.

In memory of our fathers and pious witness with bloodshed or martyrs, who willingly gave their lives as a testimony for the truth of the Word, we have included some of their songs into this song book, especially one by George Simon, a very edifying hymn directed toward the youth and begins "Merkt auf ihr Volker Alle" (p. 199), and one by a young prisoner and champion in Jesus Christ, which begins, "Als man Zahlt tausend fünf hundert Jahr" (p. 208). Many others which are found edifying and encouraging lessons; because these persons were true fighters and reverers of the Savior of the World, and lived in a time of a persecuting spirit, and restraint of conscience ruled everywhere; therefore we have not considered it unreasonable or unserviceable to have some (68) of their songs included.

Here, on the other hand, we live in a free country under a government that grants freedom of conscience to us all.. and enjoy a great blessing from God including many good deeds, wherefore we are duty bound to thank Him. Farther, we find it our duty to be subject to the government, and pray to God for them and "Resist no evil acts." Matt. 5. And remember therefore to hold to our principles, in life and in death because the base and the foundation is layed, each one should lake heed how he builds thereon.

In closing, dear nen and woman, singers, readers, or whoever you are, you will find beautiful hymns, songs and Psalms in this book, each one teaching, encouraging himself and admonishing themselves in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs singing with grace in your heart to the Lord, Colossians 3, 16, because the singing of the ungodly is not pleasing to the Lord: a lovely tune shall be Lead: The singing, which is acceptable to the Lord takes place in humility by the children of God by means of one's heart and voice will be moved through the Holy Spirit to praise and thanksgiving. All of you will find such spiritual songs in this book, that apply themselves to their soul's condition.

Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good,--The Holy Spirit will strike the right tune in the bottom of our hearts, who alone creates the righteous Heavenly harp and instrument of God, that can be song without a loud voice. Hither-to we sincerely entreat the blessing and support of God, through Jesus Christ, Amen! To God and the Lamb alone be the Honor!

The 68 hymns borrowed from the Ausbund are of deep Mennonite Heritage and are listed here in order as found in the alphabetical index, *designates the second song on a page. Pages are as follows: 205, 188, 208, 171, 136, 98*, 224, 121, 73*, 263, 236*, 131, 111, 383, 86, 194, 430, 165, 307, 125, 396, 189, 183, 90, 337, 239, 315, 288*, 167, 195, 81, 370*, 407, 196, 385, 191, 123, 199, 144*, 410, 104, 243, 201, 155, 370, 207, 206, 59, 107, 3, 96, 252*, 98, 309, 256, 135, 190, 237, 156, 137, 203, 232, 479*, 369, 193, 76, 133, 388,

Page 201 is a most unusual song of praise written by 14 different Swiss Brethern prisoners. Each verse is composed by a different author. Each verse speaks collectively of the authors but show no sign of discouragement, the Ausbund indicates the authors thus respectively; HB, HM, PS, CD, JJ, HR, HD, KH, GB, HH, H Haff, H Til, MG, Ber S.

Following are names of people that have been identified as authors to some songs. The first twenty-eight are authors of songs from the Ausbund. Other sources are Gesangbuch, by South German Mennonites, Mennonite Encyclopedia, Gesangbuch by Luthurens 1864, and an 1860 Reformed Song book.

George Blaurock---Pages 189 & 396, born in 1492 in Switzerland. He is recorded in Martyrs Mirror, named Blaurock because of the blue coat he once wore. He is one of the founders of the Mennonite Faith and asked Conrad Grebel to baptize him. He was the first to be baptized with adult baptism in January, 1525. He was burned at the stake in 1529 for his faith.

Michael Sattler---Pages 86, 133, 188, born 1490. He was a Catholic monk, but in 1525 he joined the Anabaptists. In 1526 he presided in the conference of Schleithem which accepted the Schleithem Confession of Faith. His adherence to Anabaptistic principles and revealing of the corruption of the monks lead to his sentence and death by cutting his tongue, forging and applying glowing tongs to his body and finally burning him. See Martyrs Mirror!

Hanslein von Stotzingen---Page 207. An Anabaptist martyr executed about 1528 at Zabern in Alsace. M.M. contains his address to the spectators at his execution.

George Simons---Page 199 of Holland. This song written in 1557 directed especially for youth with special mention in the preface of this book.

Leopold Schneider---Page 196. One of the first Anabaptistic martyrs of South Germany. When the death verdict was read he cried out, No indeed gentlemen of Augsburg but from death to life. His death was a severe blow to Augsburg brotherhood when he was beheaded in 1528.

Hans Hangmantel---Page 195. An Anabaptist, he and his servant were beheaded and his maid was drowned.

Annelein von Freiburg---Page 194. An Anabaptist Martyress drowned at Freiburg, Switzerland in 1529. Her prayer is recorded in M.M.

George Steinmetzer---Page 193. A German Anabaptist martyr, was beheaded in 1530 at Pforzheim in Wurttemberg. An effective admonition is in M.M..

Martin von Vilgader and Casper---Page 191, in Tirol, Austria. Anabaptistic martyr and Casper Schuester a Hutterite martyr both put to death in 1528 by beheading. They left beautiful admonitions for us in M.M.

Hans Schlaffer---Page 189. An Anabaptist martyr of 1528. In 1511 he entered the Catholic priesthood. In 1526 he resigned, realizing it was "the estate of a false prophet." He contended that children should not be baptized and was beheaded on that ground. Schlaffer left nine writings for us in the Hutterian codices.

Lenhardt Klocke---Page 3, a Mennonite preacher of northern Germany, moved to Holland about 1590. He was one of the most prolific writers of the Dutch Mennonite Hymns. The most popular song "O Gott Vater wir loben dich" is used by the Amish in every service. In 1611 he lead a new division forming a denomination called Afgedeeelden.

Christof Bisel---Page 59. This hymn is on the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost.

Hans Betz---Page 90, 98*, 104, 224 & 410. He was baptized in 1530 by George Hoffer and was preacher and author of hymns among those to form the foundation of the Ausbund songbook. He wrote the 12 songs in the Ausbund all signed H.B., while in prison with 33 fellow believers. He was there two years until death released him in 1535.

Martin Durr---Page 96. An Anabaptist of Augsburg, Germany.

Lorentz Ringmacher---Page 98 of Augsburg, Germany.

A Schmidt Family---Page 107.

Hans Staub---Page 131. His hymn gives a lesson on Matthew 18.

Sigmond von Borchten---Page 135. An Anabaptist hymn writer and a collaborator with Pilgram Marpeck.

H. Walter---Page 430*.

Hanslein von Bilach---Page 383. A lamentationary hymn.

Michael Schneider---Page 144*, 255, 252*. A Philipite Anabaptist bishop. He was imprisoned at Passau between 1535 to 1540. He wrote 11 hymns of deep expression that made their way into the Ausbund. See Mennonite Encyclopedia.

Hans Buchel---Page 208. An Anabaptist preacher and hymn writer. He was a spokesman at the Frankenthal disputation in 1571. He wrote four hymns in the Ausbund; all are of the fierce martyr sufferings almost beyond words. Only one of his songs made its way into our book.

Hans Hut---Page 206. An apostle of the Anabaptists, he was baptized in 1526. He won a very large brotherhood in Bavaria, Swabia, Franconia and Austria.

Jungfrau Walpong von Pappenhein--Page 236. She is of noble birth, which is quite unusual for nobles to show interest in Anabaptism, cf. Aus. No. 75.

Leopold Schornschlager--Page 263*.

Johannes Walter--Page 337, a Lutheran poet.

Othmar Rot von St. Gallen--Page 385. A Catholic, wrote this beautiful song, also preserved in the Ausbund.

From numerous other hymn books:

Jacob Gabriel Wolf--Page 334, born in 1684 in Greifswald, a counsellor and professor of law, died August 6, 1754.

Johann Joseph Winkler--Page 329, born December 23, 1670 at Lucka in Sachsau, Altenburg, died as a member of the consistory and pastor of the Cathedral of Magdeburg on August 11, 1722.

George Neumack--Page 231, born in Langensalza, died July 8, 1681, as secretary and librarian in Weimar.

Benjamin Schmolck--Page 439 & 422, born December 21, 1672 at Brauchitschdorf in Licanitz and died as the senior pastor in Schweidnitz on February 12, 1737. He wrote 1200 Christian hymns, his right side was paralyzed for 7 years before his death and he also had become blind.

George Weissel--Page 20, born in 1590 in Domnau in Prussia, a preacher in Konigsburg, died August 1, 1635.

Ernst Wilhelm Buchfelder--Page 141, born June 5, 1645 at Bentheim in South Freisland. Died in Enden, March 8, 1711. He was a Reformed preacher.

Johann Flittner--Page 64, born November 1, 1618 in Suhl, a preacher in Wolgast, died July 6, 1752.

Johann Friedriech von Meyer--Page 252, born September 12, 1771 in Frankfurt on the Main, Germany. He held various offices in his home city including Justice and Theologian. He died January 28, 1849. His song is probably the only one printed in this book while author was still living.

Philipp Nicolai--Page 327, born in the country of Waldeck, preacher in Hamburg.

Johann Andreas Rothe--Page 127, born May 12, 1688, a preacher at Beithelsdorf where he died July 6, 1758.

Heinrich Albert--Page 352, born June 28, 1604 at Lobeustein, Organist in the Dom Kirche in Preussen, a good musician and author of songs.

Johann George Albinus--Page 376, born March 6, 1624 at Weisenfels. He became Rector in the cathedral at Naumburg in 1653 and pastor at St. Othmar in 1657. He wrote this song upon the death and burial of his friend, Paul Heuyberg.

Anna--Page 375, Countess of Stolberg, compiled in or before the year 1609.

Gottfried Arnold--Page 163, born September 5, 1666, died March 20, 1714 as pastor at Perleberg.

Martin Behemb--Page 391, born September 16, 1557 at Lauban, died February 5, 1622, composer of more than 300 spiritual hymns.

Tobias Clausnitzer--Page 6, born in 1619 at Annaberg, died in 1684, a Swedish field chaplain in The Thirty Year's War, later a pastor at Oberpalz.

Nicolaus Decius--Page 17, first a monk at the college of Wolfenbittel, later he was a preacher in Steten where he soon died in 1519. He also was a master harp player. This song was translated from Latin. He also wrote other songs.

Adam Drese--Page 248, born in 1630, was converted from a sinful life in 1680 through the writings of Phillip Jacob Spsuers, he afterwards became a fervent enlightened Christian. Died in 1718 as Bandleader in Arnstadt.

Juliane Emilie--Page 442, Countess in Swartzberg, born August 19, 1637, died December 3, 1706. An upright and spiritual woman, composer of 587 Hymns.

Dr. Paul Flemming--Page 268, born October 5, 1609 at Hartenstein, where his father was school master. He studied medicine, made a trip as ambassador to Moscow in 1633 and in 1635 he made a three months embassy tour to Prussia, died in Hamburg, April 2, 1640.

Dr. Paul Eber--Page 233* & 392, born November 8, 1511 in Franken. He studied at Nurnberg and Wittenberg and was there professor of Philosophy in 1544, and in 1556, professor on the Hebrew language. In 1558 he was superintendant and professor of theology. After the death of Eugenhausen he became pastor and superintendant at Wittenburg, died December 10, 1569.

Johan Frank--Page 162 & 115, born January 1, 1618, died as Burgermeister June 18, 1677. Songs were translated from Latin.

Johan Freystein--Page 171, died in 1720 as counciler of Justice.

Christian Furchtegott Gellert--Page 7*, 8, 249, 167, 387 & 411. He composed 54 hymns, died as professor of philosophy in Leipzig.

Paul Gerhart--Page 318, 265, 270, 12, 465, 41, 57, 246, 348, 339, 25*, 22 & 244.

Born 1606 or 7, in Jursachau, his father was Mayor of Berlin. Paul became a deacon in Lubben where he died June 7, 1676. He had composed 123 hymns. The song "Wach auf mein Herz und singe" he composed while kneeling in a night of distress at the altar in Lubben.

Justus Gesenius--Page 45, born July 6, 1601 in Eisybeck, where his father was pastor, he died September 18, 1671 as court chaplain and superintendant.

Ludwig Gotter--Page 469 & 147, born May 26, 1661 in Gotha where his father was chaplain of High Court. He was a secretary and later an assistant counselor in court. He is composer of 231 hymns, died September 19, 1735.

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THE FALLING STARS

And the stars shall fall from heaven. Matthew 24:29.

The next sign foretold by our Saviour was that of the falling stars. This was literally fulfilled in the great meteoric shower which occurred November 13, 1833. This wonderful exhibition of celestial fireworks began between two and four o'clock in the morning, and continued until daylight. It extended over North America, and as far south as Mexico and the island of Jamaica.

The effect produced upon those who witnessed this event is thus described:--

"No celestial phenomenon has ever occurred in this country, since its first settlement, which was viewed with such intense admiration by one class in the community, or with so much dread and alarm by another.

"During the three hours of its continuance, the day of judgment was believed to be only waiting for sunrise, and long after the shower had ceased, the morbid and superstitious were still impressed with the idea that the final day was at least only a week ahead.

"Meetings for prayer were held in many places, and many other scenes of religious devotion, or terror, or abandonment of worldly affairs, transpired under the influence of fear occasioned by so sudden and awful a display."--"Great Events of the Greatest Century." p. 229.

A Southern planter speaks as follows of the effect of this scene on the black population:--

"I was suddenly awakened by the most distressing cries that ever fell on my ears. Shrieks of horror, and cries for mercy, could be heard from most of the negroes of three plantations, amounting in all to some six or eight hundred. While earnestly and breathlessly listening for the cause, I heard a faint voice near the door, calling my name.

"I arose, and taking my sword, stood at the door. At this moment I heard the same voice still beseeching me to rise, and saying, 'O my God, the world is on fire!' I then opened the door, and it is difficult to say which excited me most, the awfulness of the scene or the distressed cries of the negroes.

"Upwards of one hundred lay prostrate upon the ground, some speechless, and others uttering the bitterest moans, but with their hands, raised, imploring God to save the world and them. The scene was truly awful, for never did rain fall much thicker than the meteors fell toward the earth; east, west, north, and south, it was the same. In a word the whole heavens seemed in motion."

Arago estimates that "not less than two hundred and forty thousand meteors were at the same time visible above the horizon of Boston." Another writer, who was at Niagara at the time, says: "No spectacle so terribly grand and sublime was ever before beheld by man as that of the firmament descending in fiery torrents over the dark and roaring cataract."

The way these stars fell is thus foretold by the prophet John: "The stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely [unripe] figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind." Revelation 6:13.

Professor Olmstead, of Yale College, says: "The meteors did not fly at random over all parts of the sky, but appeared to emanate from a point in the constellation Leo, near a star called Gamma Leonis, in the bend of the sickle."

Henry Dana Ward speaks of the literal fulfillment of the foregoing text as follows:--

"Here is the exactness of the prophet. The falling stars did not come as if from several trees shaken, but as one. Those which appeared in the east fell toward the east; those which appeared in the north fell toward the north; those which appeared in the west fell toward the west; and those which appeared in the south (for I went out of my residence into the park) fell toward the south.

"And they fell not as ripe fruit falls; far from it; but they flew, they were cast, like the unripe fig, which at first refuses to leave the branch, and when, under a violent pressure, it does break its hold, flies swiftly, straight off, descending; and in the multitude falling, some cross the track of others, as they are thrown with more or less force, but each one falls on its own side of the tree."

In Burnett's "Geography of the Heavens" is found the following description:--

"The first appearance was that of fireworks of the most imposing grandeur, covering the entire vault of heaven with myriads of fireballs resembling sky-rockets. Their coruscations were bright, gleaming, and incessant, and they fell thick as the flakes in the early snow of December. To the splendor of this celestial exhibition the most brilliant sky-rockets and fireworks of art bear less relation than the twinkling of the most tiny star to the broad glare of the sun."

To the student of prophecy there can be no question that this event forms another link in the chain of prophecy already fulfilled. It is another milestone to tell us where we are in the rapidly passing events of this world's history.

The Falling of the Stars, Nov. 13, 1833

The great fall of meteoric stars upon Nov. 13, 1833, was so remarkable as to attract the attention of many thousands of people of all classes, from the scientist to the humblest tiller of the soil. Some persons of world-wide fame have described the scene and

the impression it made upon them. Among them was the famous colored orator, Frederick A. Douglas. In his book, "My Bondage and Freedom." he describes the falling of the stars in the following manner: "I witnessed this gorgeous spectacle, and was awe struck. The air seemed filled with bright descending messages from the sky. It was about daybreak when I saw this sublime scene. It was not without the suggestion at that moment, that it might be the harbinger of the coming of the Son of man; and in my state of mind I was prepared to hail Him as my friend and deliverer. I had read that the stars shall fall from heaven, and they were now falling. I was suffering much in my mind, and I was beginning to look away to heaven for the rest denied me on earth."

There are many living witnesses of that event, some of whom have given in their own words, a statement of how it was, as they recall it.

Lucy Reese, lived at Point Lookout, Ga., Nov. 13, 1833. She says: "I was fourteen years old at the time the stars fell. It seemed to me like a shower of rain. The people were greatly frightened, and there was much reading of the Bible because they thought the judgment has come."

Rose Grace was living at that time at Marion, Ala. She says: "I was seventeen years old when the stars fell. I watched then a long time. They appeared to go out when they were about ten feet from the ground. Everybody thought that the judgment-day had come. I told them if that was so it was too late to pray."

Henry Lewis, a slave of Harrisburg, Ky., was nineteen years old at the time. He says: "It seemed as if the starry heavens were coming down. I was about twelve miles from home with a horse I had stolen from my master, but when I returned they were all so excited and engaged in prayer that I slipped the horse into the stable and escaped detection."

Caroline Walker of Vicksburg, Miss., states: "The world looked like it was all in a light blaze, and continued so until the day began to dawn. From every direction on the plantation I could hear screams, and cries that the judgment-day had come. It was an awful night."

Richmond Smith of Vicksburg, Miss., says: "I was living at that time in Putnam Co., Ga. Was nineteen years old. Was awakened by the voice of one crying, 'The time is come,' Everybody felt that it was the judgment and that the end of the world had come."

Sanford Williams was living at the time in Louisville, Ky. He is now ninety-six years old. He says: "I was playing a violin for a dance at the time. One of the ladies went to the door, and screamed, 'The judgment, the judgment-day is come.' and fainted. Another ran to the door, and said about the same words and fell lifeless. Then I went to the door, playing on my violin as I went. When I saw the stars all falling, I threw down my violin and cried. 'O! Lord, O Lord, have mercy on me and save me this night and I will serve you until I die.' In every direction I could hear men, women, and children screaming 'The judgment-day is come.'"

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OBITUARIES

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Yoder, Levi C., 81yrs., 4 mo. and 21 days, of Shipshewana R2, Indiana

died January 28 at the Goshen Hospital where he had been a patient for several weeks suffering severe heart attacks. He was born in LaGrange County September 7, 1888, and lived in the area all his life. On March 2, 1909, he married Fannie Beechy who died in 1965. On April 9, 1867 he married Emma Yoder who survives. Surviving also are 5 sons and 5 daughters, Aaron, Goshen; Perry, White Pigeon, Mich.; Alvin, LaGrange; Levi and William, both of Shipshewana; Mattie, wife of Jerome Troyer, Goshen; Irma, wife of Howard Troyer and Mrs. Alvin Muller, both of Shipshewana; Mrs. Ezra Miller, White Pigeon, Mich.; and Mrs. Mose Gingerich of Goshen; 71 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren, 1 brother, Herman, Sarasota, Fla. and 1 sister, Edna, wife of Amos S. Miller of Topeka R2.

Funeral services were held Jan. 30 at the home by Bishop John Troyer and Dan Borntrager, burial was in Yoder Cemetery.

Zook, Rachel F., wife of Noah D. Zook, aged 83 Yrs., 2 mo. and 20 days of 2369 Old Phila. Pike,

Lancaster, Pa., died Sunday morning, February 8 at her home after a lengthy illness. Born in Lancaster County, she was a daughter of the late Christian and Rebecca Fisher Stoltzfus. Her husband survives and 5 children, Rebecca and Fannie at home, Miriam, wife of Benjamin A. Yoder, Salisbury; Christian at home and Lydia, wife of Alvin C. Yoder, of Selinsgrove; also 11 grandchildren and a brother, Aaron F. Stoltzfus, Leola R1, Pa.

Funeral services were held at the late home Feb. 10 by Bishop Joel Zook and Ephraim Riehl, "Welt Hinweg," was read by Christian Esh, burial at Myer's Cemetery where Aaron M. Beiler read "Bedenke Mensch Das Ende" and John M. Beiler had the benediction.

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past (continued from page 29)

You will note the spelling of their names Zug as it appears on the deeds and Zook as it is spelled today. Although there are still some of the descendants in the northern part of the county in the vicinity of Lititz and Manheim who still use the original spelling of Zug.

By Amos L. Fisher

three single explorers. He was a good-hearted soul, and I believe a real Christian. He immediately invested in sheep and soon had hundreds of them and herded them on government land.

I forgot to mention Uncle Yost D. Yoder, another of father's older brothers, who was also among the pioneers. He had a family of three sons and one daughter. These three brothers--my father, Uncle Jonas and Uncle Yost--homesteaded a half section of land, one mile long and one-half mile wide, and divided it into three farms. Had they known more about the land and the climate, they should each have acquired a half-section, if possible.

In the summer of 1880, our first summer in Nebraska, Father built a sod house on the north end of the half-section, or on his share of about 106 acres. The sod house was built by first plowing the sod about 2½ inches deep and 12 inches wide. Prairie sod was nice and tough and not brittle. It was then cut with a spade, twice the length of the width, and laid up like brick, one course cross-wise and the next the long way, two beside each other.

Thus a wall 24 inches thick was built, resembling our eastern stone dwellings. This was plastered on the inside right against the sod, making quite a comfortable abode.

The roof presented more of a problem. Father was permitted to cut some scrub timber as poles for rafters, from the canyons a few miles west of us. He purchased boards, likely in Lexington 20 miles north or Oxford 20 miles south, to put on these pole rafters. A cast of tarpaper was put on the boards and covered with three inches of Nebraska soil. This made a rather flat roof, and I surmise it leaked during some welcome rains.

In the year 1884 or 1885, Father built a frame house, 16 x 18, one and a half stories high. Then in the winter of 1885 my mother and sister Lizzie (then three years old) went by train back to Big Valley in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. I suppose by then all the remaining Amish had moved out of Juniata County and united with other groups in Mifflin Co.

One night while Mother was away, the wind blew so strongly from the north that it shook the little 16 x 18 house. So Father propped the south side with the beams of his hay ladders.

On another evening after dark, he walked to Uncle Yost's, a half mile south of us, to get some ink to write a letter to Mother. About half way home a coyote or prairie wolf started howling, possibly forty rods away. Father was amused and started to mock it. Immediately more wolves started howling and seemed to be coming closer. Upon this Father took to his heels and made it home unmolested.

I well remember how good those Pennsylvania apples smelled that were concealed in Mother's luggage when she arrived home.

No public school was organized in this pioneer area until 1886. So of course we three boys, between the ages of six to ten, felt rather unemployed while Mother was away. One day when Father was out for quite some time, we thought we would like to imitate sowing wheat by hand as we had seen Father doing. We decided corn meal would be a fine substitute, and the 16 x 18 all-purpose kitchen an excellent field. When Father came upon the scene he did not even scold, probably sensing at least a little industriousness.

At first we were located 20 miles from a railroad station, but in 1884 a railroad was built through our section, passing a few miles north of us. The town of Bertrand soon sprang up just four miles northeast of our house. Prior to this a country store two miles north of us served as our postoffice, named Tracyville.

Father's uncle, the above-mentioned widower Michael Yoder, lived four miles south of Tracyville. He quite often walked to the store and postoffice and on his way home stopped at our place. He probably had news for Father, but what we liked was the candy he gave to us little tots. This is the reason we learned early to love white-haired grandpas.

In the winter of 1880-81 a third Yost Yoder moved to our settlement. This was Mother's uncle, Yost E. Yoder, about 30 years of age. He came to Lexington by train from Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. Father and Mike Yoder, Jr., with two horses and a sled started for Lexington before daylight. It was a real winter day with snow blowing.

The train arrived too late for them to reach home before darkness overtook them. After passing Half-way House, and the snow still blowing strongly, they had nothing to give them a sense of direction, for there were no fences. When they came upon a sod stable, they decided to put up for the night. I remember hearing Father say they built a little fire inside the stable to which he held his bare feet, but they were so cold he could not feel the heat. I don't think he had overshoes, as he was very short of funds for several years.

Good-natured Uncle Jonas taught school in his dwelling. This had been our former home, before our new house was built.

Uncle Sol C. Yoders (Father's sister Betsy) also came west in one of the early summers and located about five miles southeast of us. They stayed until 1894, which was a severe drought year, when they migrated by horses and wagons to North Dakota.

The Isaac Kauffman family, former natives of Big Valley, also came to Nebraska in the spring of 1888 from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. They lived quite close neighbors to us.

One cloudy, drizzly Sunday when church was at our place, Father sent me along home with Preacher Jake Yoders in a light two-horse wagon. I was ten years old then, and became very homesick. There was no furlough for three weeks, which was quite an endless age, but of course, by the end of that time I had recovered from my homesickness. I walked home six miles on a Saturday afternoon after a good thunder shower, in company with two of the Yoder cousins, Preacher Jake's daughters.

One day while I was still at Jakes, he sent me a half mile away to do some harrowing with a one-horse spiked-tooth harrow. Supposing that I could finish the job in a few hours, I did not bother to take water along. But the job lasted four or five hours, and I really suffered for want of water. When I got to the good fresh well water, I drank so freely that it caused me headache for a few days.

I also remember one winter about this time, a neighbor of Jake's lost several head of nice cattle when they wandered to the south end of the pasture in a blizzard and froze to death.

In the early years when Uncle Jonas was herding hundreds of sheep on government land, he was the cause of a big prairie fire. He had built a corral of sod, three or four feet high. Early in the spring one year he thought it wise to set a match to the dead grass and have all clean new pasture for his sheep.

But soon a brisk breeze came up and drove his fire northward out of control and sixteen miles to the Platt River. Then the wind turned and came from the north, driving the fire back and south along the east side of the already-burnt strip. I well remember it coming near our place one night. By then the air was quite calm and the men of the neighborhood brought it under control and were able to put it out close to the place where it had started. This was at the east and west road one mile south of us.

I do not remember how many days and nights it had burned. We had only one horse then which was staked out, about a quarter of a mile from our sod house. His hair and especially his tail was quite scorched.

To safeguard themselves from prairie fires, the people in the area would often plow a few furrows around their buildings and then burn the dead grass for quite a strip beyond the furrow. This same fire burned a number of hay stacks for a cattle man, which was a real loss to him.

The good Lord blessed this western country with ample rainfall until 1890. But most people were pioneers and money was very scarce. Banks asked 10% interest on money they loaned out and this required real security. In 1889 we had quite a good corn crop, but were obliged to take 13 cents a bushel for shelled corn and had to pay \$7.50 a ton for a good grade of soft coal which came from Colorado. Some ear corn was burned for fuel, but conscience would hardly allow that. Corn cobs were the main kitchen fuel.

The year 1890 was a drought year which hit the pioneers quite hard. Uncle Jonas had sold out in 1884 or early spring of 1885, and had hitch-hiked to western Kansas. He and his neighbors out there had the same experience. In late 1890 or early 1891, Uncle Jonas hitch-hiked back to Nebraska to pay his kin a visit. He evidently had not acquired too much wealth by the appearance of his well-worn clothes.

His funds were down to fifty cents. He decided to invest this in corn meal which he surmised would furnish him with the greatest amount of nourishment for his money. This he evidently purchased at a store, but on his way home he met a neighbor who had a large family.

"How are you?" asked Uncle Jonas, shifting the bag of corn meal on his shoulder.

"Quite well, Jonas, quite well," answered the neighbor. But then he added, "Except for one thing. We don't have anything to eat. I've just been out trying to find something."

Then good-hearted Uncle Jonas laid his bag of corn meal on his neighbor's shoulder to take home to his hungry family. Uncle Jonas said he did not starve, but he did not disclose what kept him alive. It must have been real satisfaction to him to know that his neighbor family had something to eat, even though it had cost him a hungry winter.

The years, 1891 and 1892, were abundant years in the mid-western states. The year 1893 was not quite so good. One thing that I especially remember that took place that year: Father was away from home helping our bishop build a house for a recently-married son. He had asked me to hitch a horse to a small sled with a barrel on it, and haul some water to a wooden watering trough, in the pasture about ten rods away. I was then fifteen years old, and I hitched Flora the gray mare to the sled, filled the barrel with water, and led Flora to the stock tank. Then I decided the tank needed cleaning. I heaved the tank up on edge. It was made of two-inch lumber and was about six feet in diameter, and perhaps 28 inches deep.

When the good mare spied this tank on edge just behind her, she became bewildered and stepped backward against the tank. This turned the tank a little and placed the bottom broad side to the breeze that was blowing. The tank fell over and upside down, right toward brother Samuel, who was then $3\frac{1}{2}$ years old.

He had been watching as little boys do, and all I could do was stand there helpless and let the tank go. I was sure it would hit him, or perhaps even reach beyond him, closing him inside of it. But thanks be to God, Sammy was far enough away so that the tank only brushed his face. It almost brings tears of joy and gratefulness to me yet to think of my great joy to see him standing there unharmed. Had he been inches closer, I feel it would have crushed him. So we again say, praise the good Lord for His providence and care of this our innocent brother, who at this date, 1967, is 78 years old. He is a bishop in one of the Nebraska church districts in Big Valley, Pennsylvania.

The year 1894 was the worst drought and dust storm year we had yet experienced. Father had harvested 136 bushels of fall-sown wheat off some new ground. This was prairie land that had been plowed the first time the previous fall. Spring wheat yielded only a half bushel an acre that year. Many farmers cut it with a header to save for seed the following year.

The corn planted that year grew only two to three feet tall and dried up slowly. Two families from the state of Indiana had moved to our section the previous winter, but they soon pulled stakes and went to Hutchinson, Kansas where they probably fared some better. These families, John Millers and Harry or Henry Schrocks, made the trip to Kansas by horses and wagons. Brother Jonas took a team and wagon and helped to move them the 200 miles to Hutchinson.

In 1895 the Lord blessed us quite well, although it was dry until June 2. At that time our fields became almost covered with water, really giving vegetation a boost. July 5 was an especially warm day. I cultivated corn and came to the pump quite often for a drink. This seemed to make the blood rush to my head, causing darkness and dizziness.

That evening after I had retired, a severe case of palpitation of the heart developed. My heart seemed to stop, then make two strong beats and then flutter, and the situation was repeated. I chilled and became both sleepy and fearful. Mother had retired for the night, but Father was still up. Coming downstairs I told Father not to be scared, but I felt as though I was to go on.

Mother then joined us and we had special prayer together. Mother fixed a bed for me on the far side of the living room from where they slept in the adjoining bedroom. They left their bedroom door open and Mother said at times they could hear my heart beat.

I was then seventeen years old and had thought I was too young to become a church member. However, I realized I had done nothing for the Lord as yet. I knew of nothing else to satisfy my conscience, so that was my decision. To my delight, three cousins older than myself also became members of the church at this time.

Having recovered quite well from this heart condition in a few months, I was asked to go along threshing for two Yoder brothers who operated a 36-inch J. I. Case horse-power threshing outfit. This was fed by hand from both sides at the same time, requiring someone to cut the bands on each side.

Twelve and sometimes fifteen horses were used. Three men composed the crew for operating the machinery and the horse power, which was well-braced and staked to the ground. The driver had a whip cane, six or seven feet long with a lash of about the same length, seeing that each animal was doing its share.

Another of the crew looked after the machine, keeping it oiled, and also looked after the grain that was put on wagons. These boxes each held fifty bushels of grain. The third man fed the machine. Men changed off usually every fifty bushels.

The men feeding the machine usually wore goggles, made of plain glass and a hedge of fine screen to protect the eyes from dust and grain that might be thrown into his face.

Threshing season from 1890 to 1900 and a few years later, lasted three or four months in a good crop year. Since threshers were not too plentiful, many farmers were obliged to stack their grain crops to wait until machines could come thresh it.

The next few years, I do not have much to report. In the early months of 1899, not having much to do, I went to our country school for five weeks, reviewing some necessary studies.

I was in school the day I was 21 years old, February 7. That year I acquired three horses, rented 60 acres of land and planted it in corn. The crop yielded slightly below average and sold for 21 cents a bushel, shelled.

That winter I sold the bulk of my belongings, packed by trunk to send to Pennsylvania and on March 1, 1900 I left my home of twenty years. I sent my trunk to Pennsylvania, but first I wanted to see Hutchinson, Kansas. I had thought of visiting a week or ten days in Kansas, but several farmers were anxious to hire help for the summer. I stayed for a year and a half!

While I was spending the summer of 1903 in Ohio, my folks sold out in Nebraska and bought a farm (by writing to friends) in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. Our bishop, Yost H. Yoder had passed on very suddenly in December of 1901, and Uncle Jake, who was a preacher, had moved to Michigan. My father, Moses E. Yoder, a deacon, and four other families were the only ones remaining. It seemed about time for them to vacate also. So that is what happened.

I might mention here how the "Nebraska Churches" in Big Valley came to be called by that name. A deacon, Jacob Zook and a number of other families in the valley withdrew from the other Old Order Amish churches there, led by Bishop Shem Yoder. This occurred in 1881, only a few years after the settlement in Nebraska was started. This Shem Yoder, becoming quite aged, had a co-minister, Jonathan Byler, installed as bishop. But this apparently did not meet the approval of Jacob Zook and his followers, so they sent to Nebraska and had our bishop, Yost H. Yoder and his brother, Preacher Jacob, come and ordain ministers for them, separately.

Thus originated the name "Nebraska Church." These newly-ordained ministers were Menno Yoder and David Hostetler and the deacon, Eli King. A second visit from Nebraska saw Menno Yoder installed as bishop. Now, eighty-six years later, the small "Nebraska" group has multiplied to three quite strong congregations in the valley, and one in Centre County. My brother, Sam S. Yoder, 78, is bishop in one group of the Nebraska church, who no longer commune with the others.

This, in short, is what I remember of the Amish settlement in Gosper County, Nebraska.

THE END

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FIRST AMISH SETTLERS IN CANADA: MILVERTON, ONTARIO

Among the first settlers in the old Amish settlement of Milverton, Ontario, Canada, was John Schmidt, who was married to Barbara Swartzentruber in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, March 27, 1831. Soon afterwards they migrated to Canada and were the first settlers in a village then called Schmidtsville, now called Wellesly. It lies about 15 miles southwest of Milverton. There he made a dam on the Nith River and operated a saw mill and a grist mill. To this marriage were born eleven children.

Close to that time a Peter Jantzi and his family settled close by in a village named Baden. Christian Wagler also lived close to Baden. (Peter Jantzi and Christian Wagler were both ministers if I am informed right.) Also a Lenhart Streicher and of course several others till finally the group became quite large. But like it has happened so many times in other districts some of the members were inclined to become very liberal in mode of dress, also wanted a church house instead of dividing the church into two districts.

The climax finally came when they had visiting ministers from U.S.A. The liberal older brethren were sitting in the minister's chairs when the ministers returned from Council (Abroth) claiming there was no room elsewhere till finally some of the ministers sat on the stairstep; which caused quite an undercurrent in the church till one of the ministers with part of the congregation withdrew and held church in a church house which was very plain to begin with.

This happened about the time that a group from Holmes County, Ohio withdrew with Jacob Yoder, as their leader in about 1865, if I'm not wrong. However, the group that was more conservative or plain slowly migrated westward toward Milverton. They also had a bishop from Ohio named David Miller (Klei David) to help establish them again.

This John Schmidt was my great grandfather and Christian Wagler on my father's side (Moses Schmidt). Lenhart Streicher and Peter Jantzi great grandfather on my mother's side. My mother's name was Sarah Streicher. Emanuel Schmidt

THE AMISH IN GOSPER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By Abe S. Yoder, Sr.*, Belleville, Pennsylvania

My life has not been so extraordinary, but some of the children and in-laws are anxious to read an account of pioneer life on the midwestern prairies as told by one who remembers a few things of 1880 and since.

My father, Moses E. Yoder, was born October 25, 1846 in Juniata County, Pennsylvania. He was the youngest of four sons and four daughters. His parents, Bishop Joel and Franey (Yoder), are now buried side by side in what is called the Renno Graveyard, about a mile east of Mifflintown, Pennsylvania.

My mother, Salome Speicher, was born November 22, 1857. When she was nine or ten years old, she moved with Grandfather Speichers from Lawrence to Juniata County where she grew to womanhood. Then early in January of 1875 she married her stepmother's youngest brother, Moses E. Yoder. Moses was a young man of twenty-eight years, six feet tall and weighed one-hundred-eighty pounds.

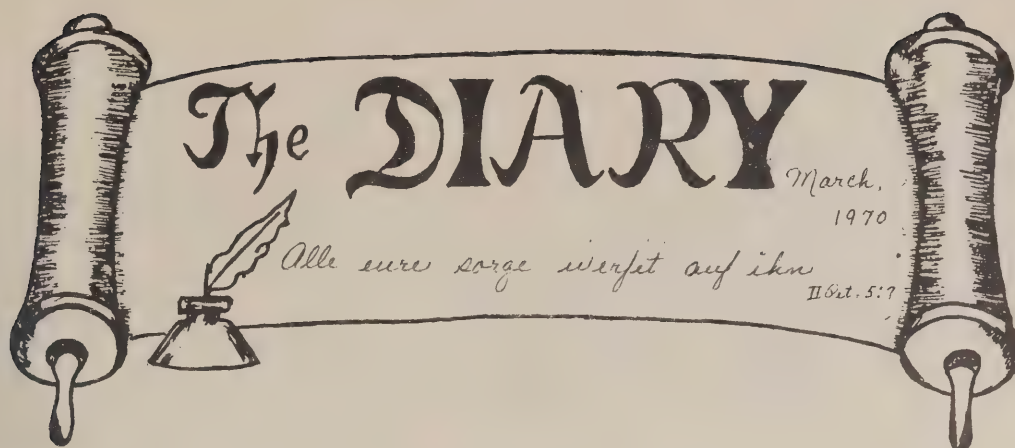
On Nov. 12, 1875 my brother Joas was born. Two years and three months passed before another son was born to them, and they named me Abraham. This was on February 7, 1878, in Juniata County, Pennsylvania near a little village now called Mt. Pleasant, between Mifflin and Mexico. Some years later I heard my father say that it was the coldest day of the winter. And no doubt that was my impression also.

It was about this time that a group of families became interested in moving west to the almost-free land in Nebraska. The eastern part of Gosper County, Nebraska still had some nice level land that was not taken. So that is where our little Amish group landed in March of 1880.

Three men, of whom two and possibly all three were single, had gone west earlier and had built three or four small frame dwellings for the settlers. The settlers consisted of a bishop, Yost H. Yoder and his family of five boys and two girls, Yost's brother Jake (a preacher) with his three daughters; another brother of the bishop, a single man whose name was Michael Yoder; and a sister Barbara and her husband. There was also my mother's brother, Crist Speicher, and a widower, Michael Yoder, father of the above-mentioned Yoder brothers.

When my folks arrived in Nebraska, they moved in with Uncle Jonas. This was father's older brother and one of the

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Headlines of Lancaster INTELLIGENCER JOURNAL, Friday, April 3, 1970

"Twisters, Winds Wreak Destruction in County"

Late Thursday Afternoon, April 2, after a day of frequent heavy showers and fairly stiff winds the winds suddenly increased to gale force up to 65 miles per hour. Two small tornadoes, one in a hopping course from Bird-in-Hand on through the Intercourse area, and one in the Ephrata-Denver area paid a short visit leaving the area with smashed barns and house trailers, ripped off roofs and porches, uprooted trees, and downed power lines. In Bird-in-Hand a 100 ft., two story block poultry house was left roofless along with a row of town peoples' small barns and garages. At Intercourse Pre. Jonas Esh's shingle barn roof was desingled in many places. North of town a house trailer was rolled 50 feet broadside onto the the road and demolished (no one was home at the time). Two tobacco sheds were laid flat. In the Denver area the roof of a chicken house blown onto the Pennsylvania Turnpike about four miles west of the Rt. 222 interchange held up both eastbound and westbound traffic for about 20 minutes around 2:20 p.m.

Unlike the tornadoes in LaGrange, Indiana which made a clean sweep of anything above ground level, these lacked the velocity to wreak such damage. Many of the buildings and trees downed were side by side with some that were left standing, which apparently were a bit more substantial.

LANCASTER CO. PA. MAN DIED IN FIRE

B G. Lantz, 63, Gordonville R1, Pa. died while burning refuse on April 6, toward noon time. He apparently thought that his bonfire might get out of control and rushed for a bucket of water. He had a heart siezure and fell forward into the fire. At about 12 o'clock the family upon looking why he did not come in for dinner, found his body in the dying fire with second and third degree burns over most of his body.

Born February 22, 1907, he was married on November 6, 1930 to Anna K., daughter of the late David P. and Sarah (King) King and was ordained a deacon in 1952. He is also survived by two children, Rebecca K. and David P. King.

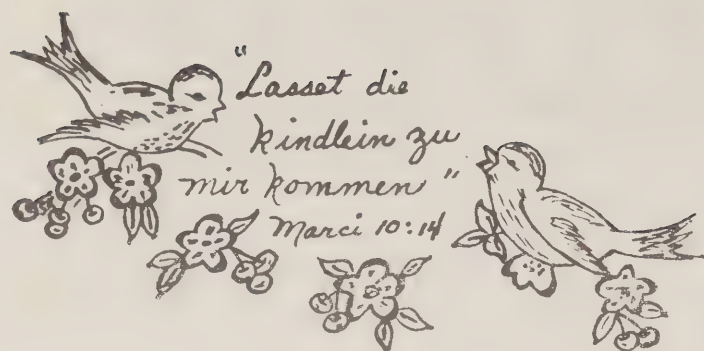
EPILEPTIC DIED AT HAZLETON, IOWA

Noah E. Bontrager, son of Emanuel and Elizabeth (Miller) Bontrager died January 31 at the L.M.N. Home in Hazleton, Iowa, where he had been a patient since September 9, 1966. He was an Epileptic since childhood. Funeral was held at his Bro. Joni's place Monday P.M. February 2 by Levi S. Miller and Bishop Levi Petersheim. The body was taken to Bowling Green, Mo. for burial beside his father. Surviving are his brother Joni E. Bontrager, Hazleton; Mrs. George Yoder, Bowling Green, Mo; Mrs. John U. Miller, Jamesport, Mo; Mrs. Joni Miller and Mrs. Dan Bontrager, both of Macon, Miss. Preceeding him in death were his father, mother and 5 brothers.

WIDOW OF BISHOP DAVID Z. FISHER DIED AT AGE 82

Mrs. Katie Kauffman Fisher of Christiana R1 died Friday, March 6 at home after a lengthy illness. Her husband died June 24, 1966. Born in Salisbury twp., a daughter of the late Samuel and Rachel Stoltzfus Kauffman, she resided in the Christiana area 26 years. Surviving are these children, Barbara and Anna, both at home; Katie, wife of John L. Stoltzfus; and Samuel K., both of Christiana R1, and David K. with whom she resided; 18 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren; a brother, Ben M. Kauffman, and a sister Annie King.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 9, burial in Fisher's Cemetery.



BIRTHS

Buchanan County, Iowa
 Gingerich, Eli D. (Anna Schmucker)
 Hazleton, Iowa, a dau _____ March 21
 Gingerich, Urie E. (Mattie Bontrager)
 Hazleton, a daughter FANNY, February 25
 Helmuth, Aden D. (Lizzian Mast)
 Hazleton, a daughter RUTH ANN, March 27
 Kauffman, Dan A. (Lizzie Raber)
 Hazleton, a son ANDY, February 20
 Miller, Sam (Lydia Bontrager) Hazleton,
 a daughter, ELIZABETH, February 11
 Yoder, Eli J. (Ada Hershberger)
 Fairbank, a daughter MARY, February 1
 Yoder, Felty (Betty Miller)
 Independence, a daughter MALINDA, March 18

Arthur, Illinois

Diener, Mr. and Mrs. Levi M. twins, a son and a daughter IRA and IRMA, March 5
 Schrock, Edward (Mary Schrock) a daughter BETTY LORENE, March 3

LaGrange County, Indiana

Bontrager, Ervin (Irene Lambright) Topeka R1, a daughter RAMAH, March 6
 Bontrager, Joni (Freda Bontrager) Topeka R1, a daughter LENA, March 14
 Bontrager, Samuel D. (Wilma Miller) a daughter MARY
 Hostetler, Freeman (Darla Mae Miller) Topeka R2, a son FREEMAN JR., March 27
 Lambright, Orlie (Mary Yoder) a daughter ALMA, February 21
 Lehman, Ervin (Lydia Hochstetler) LaGrange R1, a daughter WILMA, March 14
 Miller, Amos Jay (Ida Anna Hochstetler) Topeka R2, a son MARION, March 27
 Miller, Daniel (Fannie Miller) LaGrange R4, a son ERVIN, February 23
 Miller, Freeman (Mary Miller) LaGrange R4, a daughter RUTH, March 21
 Miller, Lloyd (Sara Sue Chupp) a son ALLEN, March 7
 Chupp, Melvin (Loretta Miller) a son GARY WAYNE, February 21
 Mullet, Enos (Mary Hochstetler) LaGrange R1, a daughter MARY LEONA, March 16
 Mullett, Melvin (Mary Bontrager) LaGrange R4, a son ALVIN RAY, March 13
 Troyer, Glenn (Vera Miller Topeka R1, a son LAMAR, March 5
 Whetstone, Perry (Anne Miller) Shipshewana R2, a daughter RUTH ANN, March 7
 Yoder, LaVerne (Mabel Mullet) Topeka R1, a daughter SARA SUE, March 19
 Yoder, Lloyd (Luella Bontrager) Goshen R.R., a daughter LAVERDA JEAN, March 25
 Yoder, Melvin (Leanna Byler) Shipshewana R1, a daughter RUBY, March 8
 Yutzy, Marvin (Anna Mae Troyer) a daughter MARIETTA, March 8

Holmes County, Ohio

Hershberger, Mr. and Mrs. Andy J. a son in March
 Hershberger, Mr. and Mrs. Roman E., twin girls, March 14
 Keim, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J., Fredericksburg, a daughter, March 8
 Mast, Mr. and Mrs. Myron S., Millersburg, Star Route, a daughter in March
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Amos J., Millersburg, a son in March
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew, Orrville R2, a daughter, March 8
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Y., Apple Creek, a daughter in March
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Atlee J., Fredericksburg, a son, March 21
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Dan, Apple Creek, twins, a boy and a girl, March 12
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Dan M., Sugarcreek, a daughter in March
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Eli C., Beach City, a son, March 25
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Roman L., Dundee, a daughter, March 21
 Raber, Mr. and Mrs. Mose A. Raber, Sugercreek, a son in March
 Schrock, Mr. and Mrs. Andy J., Ashland, a daughter in March
 Troyer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M., Fresno R3, a son, March 21
 Troyer, Mr. and Mrs. Roman R., Fredericksburg, a daughter in March
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Yoder, Fredericksburg, a son, March 22
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Dan J. A., Millersburg, a daughter in March
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas N., Millersburg R4, twins, a boy and a girl, March 30
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Levi M. a son in March

Johnson County, Iowa

Miller, Amos T. (Elsie Miller) Kalona R2, a daughter ETHEL, February 27

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St. Mary's County, Maryland

King, Samuel Z. (Elizabeth Yoder) Mechanicsville R2, a daughter ANNIE, March 11

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Kinsinger, Jacob (Frieda Schrock) a daughter MALINDA, March 9

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Detweiler, Samuel (Annie Peachey) Belleville, a son JACOB, March 23
 Yoder, Joseph J. (Fannie Peachey) Belleville, a son AARON, March 10
 Yoder, Pre. Korie N. (Elizabeth Swarey) Allensville, a son NOAH, March 6
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Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Esh, Christian S. (Hannah Smoker) Myerstown R2, a son MOSES, March 29
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 Stoltzfus, Jacob K. (Annie Stoltzfus) Lebanon R1, a son SAMUEL, March 26

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Beiler, Abner S. (Sarah Stoltzfus) Ronks R1, a daughter KATIE MAE, March 14
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 Blank, Joseph S. (Melinda E. Smucker) Narvon R2, a daughter KATIE S., March 6
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 Glick, Henry S. (Linda King) Leola R1, a daughter ELIZABETH K., March 17
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 King, Eli E. (Hannah K. King) Ronks R1, a daughter KATIE K., March 16
 King, Jacob M. (Emma L. Esh) Narvon R1, a son STEVIE JAY, March 16
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 Stoltzfus, Isaac S. (Rebecca King) Gap R1, a daughter ANNA K., March 5
 Stoltzfus, Isaac S. (Marion M. Stoltzfus) 385 Willow Rd. Lancaster, a dau BARBARA S., Mar.28
 Stoltzfus, Leroy S. (Lena K. Lapp) Ronks R1, a daughter NAOMI, March 6
 Stoltzfus, Samuel A. (Rachel King) Gordonville R1, a son JOHNNY K., March 7
 Stoltzfus, Samuel M. (Rebecca S. Stoltzfus) Narvon R1, a son HENRY J., March 24
 Zook, Aaron (Mattie Miller) Strasburg R1, a son CHRISTIAN M., March 26
 Zook, Benjamin (Elizabeth Stoltzfus) New Holland R1, a daughter FANNIE, March 14
 Zook, Christian (Lydia Fisher) Gordonville R1, a son JOHN MARK, March 19
 Zook, Jacob K. (Mattie Z. Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a daughter SUSAN L., March 29

MARRIAGES

Buchanan County, Iowa

Daniel, son of Ben and Mattie Bontrager and Lizzie, daughter of Widow Mrs. Emanuel Mullet, Fairbank, Iowa, March 12 by Bishop Levi L. Petersheim.
 Daniel, son of Joe C. and Malinda (Miller) Yoder and Sarah, daughter of Andy and Naomi (Gingerich) Kauffman, February 5 by Bishop Levi Petersheim
 David, son of Wm E. and (Petersheim) Bontrager and Anna, daughter of Pre. Jonas and Anna Helmuth, Hazleton, March 17 by Bishop Andy Schrock of LaGrange, Indiana
 Jacob, son of Deacon Ed. D. and Annie (Petersheim) Gingerich and Christene, daughter of Deacon Andy and Sarah (Hostetler) Kurtz, Fairbank, March 17 by Bishop Abe Bontrager

Daviess County, Indiana

Joe, son of Nick Grabers and Mary Margret, daughter of Joel Grabers, March 4 by Bishop George Gingerich of Kokomo
 Raymond Kemp and Catherine Wagler, March 11 by Bishop Ben^e E. Wagler

LaGrange County, Indiana

Devon, son of Howard and Erma (Yoder) Troyer, Shipshewana R2 and Rosetta, daughter of Melvin and Martha (Frye) Smucker, Nappanee, March 11
 David Miller of Illinois and Mary Kathryn, daughter of Willard and Ella Miller, Topeka, Indiana

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Jacob, son of Menno J. and Matilda (Summy) Yoder and Annie, daughter of Henry S. and Jemima (Zook) Kinsinger, March 8, 1970

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1870 Farm Ledger

"Charght of Wiegth and broom handels, \$4.05"

1895 Farm Prices: 3 pigs for 4 dollars a piece
1 bushel Clover Seed, \$6.50

From the Diary of C. L. Petersheim, Witmer, Pa.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

East Intercourse area by Eli S. King

Nice March weather at beginning of the month with a few snow flurries and some rain. Last half of the month was more cloudy with some showers and snow flurries. Thurs. before Good Friday was windy from the south, followed by a rain storm in the evening, Good Friday morning was very clear. Easter Sunday it rained till noon then turned to snow and snowed 2 inches. Monday after Easter temperatures were as low as 15 degrees in the morning. Total rainfall, 3.3 inches and snowfall, 2.8 inches.

Bareville area by Levi L. Stoltzfus: Total rainfall 3.4" and snow, 7 inches

Farm Prices: Fat Steers, \$34.75 Cwt.; Feeder Calves, 41.00 Cwt.; Vealers, 57.00 Cwt.; Dairy Cows, \$550. out of New York state; Fat Hogs, 27.50 Cwt.; Ear Corn, 41.00 a ton; other feed prices were steady with last month's. Potatoes, \$3.50 to 4.25 Cwt.; Eggs down to .39.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania by Catherine Swarey

We had 20 inches of snow and 1.5 inches of rain, moisture above normal. March came in like a lamb followed by 4 cloudy, rainy days, then we had a week of very favorable March weather when come garden spading was done. March 11 and 12 winter was back again with sleet and 5 inches of snow. On Palm Sunday it snowed almost all day but melted a lot and the sun didn't shine all day. Then again a week of spring-like weather. Tulips, crocuses daffidils and hyacinth are coming up. Robins, kildeer and sea gulls were seen. On Easter Sunday it snowed very fast, a total of 2 inches. It blew and drifted a bit. At about 5 o'clock it cleared and the sun shone; it was a very beautiful evening.

At two Amish farm sales this spring teams sold for \$970. and 850.; sheep, 80.; sows, 150. Machinery also brought good prices. The lunch stands were sponsored by the Amish for the benefit of the Amish Parochial School.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania by David Y. Renno

The weather during March was about normal. Total precipitation for the month was 3.56 inches; total for the year is 7.63. Total snowfall for the month was 18.5 inches; total for the year is 64.5. The white Christmas of this winter was not followed by a green Easter. It snowed 12 inches on Easter Sunday followed by 2 degrees above zero in Easter Monday morning. Trees and grass are not pushing yet on April 1 and no plowing has been done yet.

The near total Eclipse of the sun on March 7th was nicely visible under a thin cloud.

The Penn Central Railroad is planning to discontinue all passenger trains west from Harrisburg to Chicago and St. Louis, which will leave us without any railroad passenger service when it is approved by the ICC. Greyhound bus service here is picking up and more buses run than formerly.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania by Abe S. Kinsinger

There is still snow on the ground, making at least 2 ft. of snow for March. The total for this winter is over 150 inches. No plowing was done yet this spring. It is good maple syrup weather with good runs and nice clear syrup, good natural sweets.

St. Mary's County, Maryland by Amos R. Stoltzfus

Rain on the 3rd, 4th, 12th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 29th and 31st. On the 26th we had a thunderstorm which also dumped a lot of rain, so the ground is thoroughly soaked. But we had a lot of springlike weather, too. A lot of garden is planted and some field work started. A purple martin was sighted and robins are around. We had no snow in March. The coldest was 14 degrees on the 15th.

LaGrange County, Indiana by Amos N. Miller, Topeka R2, Indiana

The January and February months were exceptionally cold with temperatures as low as 18 below zero. We have a six to eight inch blanket of snow with very few drifts. The later part of February was moderate and the snow left us.

Farm Prices: Fat Steers, \$28.00 Cwt to 32.00 Cwt; Hogs, 28.00; Veal, 50.00 Cwt.

Implements and livestock are selling very high at public farm sales.

By Ervin D. Hochstetler, LaGrange R1: We had a little snow almost every day. The 26th it snowed about 5". Very little plowing done yet. Maple sap is still running, which was a good run. Syrup sells up to \$7.00 par gal. Milk price grade B, 4.55; hay, 18.-45. per T.; hogs, top, 28.60; eggs, .45 @ dz. Top cow at auction, \$485.; feeder pigs, 16.-35. per head.

Applecreek, Ohio by Mrs. Christ S. Petersheim

March came in like a lamb and is going out like a lion. Some real nice warm days and some real cold and snowy. It snowed all day Sun. March 22, temperature was 36, not much snow stayed on the ground as it was too wet. A week later, on Easter Sun. temperature was 24 with a cold northeast wind and some snow flurries, but it warmed up in the afternoon. Some early birds were plowing wrapped in blankets but most farmers were hauling manure when the ground was frozen.

Daviess County, Indiana by Lester Marner

March brought much snow. It is too wet for farmers to get in the fields. Nothing has been sown or planted this spring. Hay prices are dropping and milk is also coming down.

Arthur, Illinois by Menno A. Diener

Weather was rather mild for March and quite a few oats were sown and plowing was done. The bees were flying several and lots of people seemed to have spring fever. On April 2 we had about 3 inches of snow.

Buchanan County, Iowa by Joe A. Yoder

March in general was a fair month, the last week was more winterlike with snow and raw winds from the north west. A little field work was done on the warmer days.

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada by Leroy Eicher

March has been a month of changeable weather. Some days it was snowing with a strong wind and some days it rained. But we liked the days best when the sun shone brightly and it was warm. Right now we're having spring-like weather. We saw quite a few groundhogs. Grain and hay are at a good price now.

ORDINATIONS

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

On March 28, 1970 Joshua Renno, aged 55, oldest son of the late Bishop John B. Renno was ordained bishop, his address is Belleville, Star Route, Pennsylvania.

Arthur, Illinois

On Good Friday, March 27, Eli Schlabaugh, 27, son of Fred Schlabaugh was ordained minister in Menno S. Miller's District.

On March 29, Levi J. Herschberger, 31, was ordained minister in John Herschberger's District. He is a son of Bishop John Herschberger and lives in the same yard.

BAPTISMS

Arthur, Illinois

In Steve Kaufman's district on March 15 were three girls: Louise Brenneman, Lorene Miller and Irene Kaufman

In Obe Diener's district were Marven J. Diener, Sarah May Plank, Dorthy Miller and Paulene Mast.

Daviess County, Indiana

North East and Middle North Districts, March 8 by Joe L. Graber

Paul, son of Pete Eicher; Joe, son of Joe L. Graber; Nick, son of Menno Graber; Marvin, son of Harvey Knepp; Betty Jean, daughter of Abraham Knepp; Lillie Mae, daughter of Harvey Knepp; Lorene, daughter of Ralph Marner; Barbara Ann, daughter of Noah Wagler; Ruth, daughter of Adel Wagler; Miriam, daughter of Joel Stoll; Anna Mae, daughter of David Raber; Sara Mae, daughter of Henry Lengacher

South West District, March 22 by Bishop Ben A. Wagler
Ira, son of Lewis Wagler

South East District, March 15 by Bishop William Graber

Elvina, daughter of Ezra Lengacher; Dorothy, daughter of Abraham Graber; Dorothy Mae, daughter of Joe Knepp

LaGrange County, Indiana

March 1: Amos Christner, Marvin, son of Amos W. and Wila Bontrager; Mary Anna, daughter of Daniel and Wilma Lambright in Daniel J. Bontrager District

March 1: Calvin, son of Vernon and Ada Miller; Wilbur, son of Amos and Lizzie Ann Lehman in Clemence Miller District by Clemence Miller

March 1: Parry, son of Levi U. and Verna Miller; Melvin, son of Lewis and Susie Eash; Alta, daughter of Joni and Susie Miller in Abe S. Mast District

March 8: Frieda, daughter of Will and Ida Mast, Leora, daughter of Min. Monroe Millers; Mary Sue, daughter of Min. Harvey and Ida Stutzman in Felty Yoder District by Felty Yoder

REPORTERS!!

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BAPTISMS (continued)

LaGrange County, Indiana

In Amos Yoder district, Jan. 25: Melvin, son of William and Lovina (Helmuth) Yoder

In Eli Lehman district, Feb. 22: Mervin, son of Enos and Anna (Bontrager) Miller;

Dannie, son of William and Malinda (Schwartz) Beechy

In Dave Nisley district, March 1: Wilbur, son of Mel and Lydia (Raber) Yoder; Leroy, son of Omer and Barbara (Frye) Lambright; Anna, daughter of Amos and Mary (Miller) Schlabach; Elsie, daughter of Abe and Mary (Frye) Bontrager

In Menno Yoder district, March 8: Esther, daughter of Emanuel and Abbie (Raber) Bontrager

In Amos U. Miller District, March 15: Wilbur, son of Menno and Alice (Beechy) Yoder; Nora, daughter of Menno and Alice (Beechy) Yoder; Alta, daughter of Amos U. and Fannie (Bontrager) Miller; Mary Alice, daughter of Dan B. and Wilma (Wingerd) Bontrager

In Joni B. Miller district, Feb. 22: Mervin, son of Harold and Elizabeth (Beechy) Miller; Wilma, daughter of Ervin M. and Mary (Lambright) Miller

OBITUARIES

Beiler, Joel K., aged 74 y. 8 m. and 5 d., of Ronks R1, Pennsylvania

died March 24, at the home of his niece, Mrs. Jacob F. Stoltzfoos, Kinzers R1. He had been living at the home of his niece for the past few weeks and was under the care of a physician. Born in Leacock Twp., he was a son of the late Noah and Mary King Beiler and was a retired self-employed plumber. He was never married.

Survivors include four brothers, Jacob N., of Gap R1; Henry K., of Kinzers R1; Amos N., of Strasburg R1; and Stephen, Ronks R1, with whom he had resided for many years. Funeral services were held at the David Z. Beiler home, March 26 by Daniel K. King and Bishop Daniel E. Stoltzfus; burial at Myer's Cemetery.

Glick, Fannie S., wife of Abner R. Glick, aged 51 of Gap R1, Pennsylvania

died March 27 at her home of cancer after an illness of several months. Born in East Lampeter Twp., she was a daughter of the late Benjamin H. and Mary L. Fisher King. In addition to her husband, she is survived by these children, Anna, wife of Elmer K. Beiler, Lancaster; David A., Kinzers R1; Aaron K., at home; Dora, wife of David I. Glick, Gap R1; Eli K., Susie K., Menno K., Abner K., Sarah K., Samuel K., Amos K., and Elmer K., all at home. Also surviving are 7 grandchildren and these sisters and brothers, Jacob King, Myerstown R1; Barbara, wife of Jacob Swarey, Ronks R1; Christ H. King, Lancaster R4; Nancy, wife of Daniel Stoltzfus; and Mrs. Sarah Lantz, both of Myerstown R1; Mary, wife of Christ Glick, Gap R1; Ezra King, Kinzers R1; Aaron King, Lancaster R4; Salina, wife of Christ Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1; and Katie, wife of Eli Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R2. Funeral services were held from the late home March 30, burial in the Beuna Vista Cemetery.

Lehman, Levi F., aged 54 y. 6 m. 18 d., of Topeka R1, Indiana

was born August 21, 1915 and died March 11, 1970. He was the son of Jonathan and Fannie (Troyer) Lehman and was married April 17, 1947 to Susie Yoder, who survives; also the following children, Esther, wife of Wilbur Bontrager of Topeka; Mervin, Daniel, Nelson, Levi Jr., Elroy, Edna, Elsie, Ada Mae, Irene, Lou Ida, Mary and Alice all at home and two grandchildren. Funeral services were held March 14 at the Jacob Raber residence by Bishop Daniel Miller, burial in the Yoder Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Miller, Susan, aged 79 of Shreve R2, Ohio

died at the home of her son, John J.C. Miller following a six month illness. Her husband, Joseph J. Miller, died in 1954. She is survived by three sons: Henry J.C. of Kidron; John J.C. of Shreve R2; and Melvin J.C. of Star Route, Wilmot; five step-sons: Christ J.C. of Fredericksburg R2; Eli J.C. and Abe J.C. both of Millersburg R5; Joe J.E. of Orrville RD, and Monroe J.C. of Applecreek R1; three step-daughters: Mrs. Jonas Yoder of Dundee R1; Mrs. Enos Miller of Hartville R1; and Mrs. Dan Gingerich of Millersburg R5. A brother, Jacob E. Miller, of Dover; two sisters: Mrs. Eli T. Miller of Millersburg R4, and Mrs. John H. Miller of Berlin and ten grandchildren. Services at the Christ J.C. Miller home at Mt. Hope; burial in the John Schlabach Cemetery

Stoltzfus, Fannie K., wife of Christian E. Stoltzfus, aged 64 y. 1 m. and 24 d., Christiana, Pa.

died at her home at Christiana R1, March 28. She had been under the care of a physician. Born in Leacock Twp. she was a daughter of the late John B. and Emma Kauffman Lapp. Besides her husband, she is survived by the following children: John L. and Amos L., both of Stras. R1; Samuel M., of Christiana R1; and Emma, wife of John King, of Paradise R1; also 23 grandchildren and the following brothers and sisters: Aaron K. Lapp, of Kirkwood R1; Mary, wife of Isaac King, of Bird-in-Hand R1; Amos Lapp, of Gordonville R1; Rebecca, wife of Phares N. Fisher, of Ronks R1; and John K. Lapp, Myerstown R1. Funeral services were held by Joe Swartz, Allen Co., Indiana and John S. Fisher; hymns read by Dea. Jacob S. Stoltzfus and Samuel L. Stoltzfus; Obshied by Ben Kauffman; burial at Fisher's Cemetery

Stoltzfus, John B., husband of the late Sarah Dienner Stoltzfus, of Leola, Pennsylvania

aged 81, died at his home March 20. He had been under the care of a physician. Born in Lancaster Co., he was a son of the late Menno and Rebecca Beiler Stoltzfus. His wife died in 1953. Funeral services were held from the Jerry Stoltzfus home, burial at Myers'.

WHY WE CELEBRATE EASTER AND ON VARIOUS DATES

Nearly thirty five centuries ago, there was in the land of Midian, a shepherd by the name of Moses whom God called through the burning bush, that he is to go and deliver his chosen people out of the land of bondage.

At the last plague the Children of Isreal were supposed to take a lamb without blemish, a male of the first year. The lamb was to be killed and blood was to be applied to the two side posts and the upper door post. Which ever house was painted with the blood of the lamb around the door, but not on the door sill, as it was not to be tramped on, the Lord would pass over, and all the other houses that did not have the blood mark, the Lord would smite the first born of man and beast in that house. The lamb and the blood typified Christ.

Here is where the Lord changed the year from the civil year to the sacred year. The Lord said, "This month shall be the beginning of months,, the first month of the year."

Every year since that time the Jews were supposed to celebrate the passover, which is called "Easter" now days.

So many prophecies have been fulfilled, as Christ died at Calvary at the time of the Jewish Passover. After His resurrection, Jews and Gentiles who believed in Him as the Lamb without blemish, which was sacrificed for our sins, would celebrate the Holiday and call it "Easter," as we have the privilege to be set free from the bondage of sin.

Easter is the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or next after March 21; and if the full moon fall on Sunday, Easter is the next Sunday, of course. If the date were the same each year the date would be Sunday only once in six years. Some of the early Christians did fix the date in this way, while others used the present way. But in the year 325 A D the matter was brought by Constantine before the Council of Nice, and it was evidently thought best that the anniversary of the event which they thought changed the Sabbath from the seventh day of the week to the first day, should always fall upon the first day; for they, deciding between the two ways then in use, selected for the whole church the method which would bring Easter always on Sunday.

Since that decision, Easter cannot fall earlier than March 22, nor later than April 25, in any year. These dates are called the "Easter Limits."

The most of the other holy days of the church depend for their dates upon the date of Easter. Lent begins 46 days before Easter, with Ash Wednesday, Sundays being always feast days and not fast days, this gives forty days of fasting. Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter. Good Friday is the Friday before Easter. Passion Week is the week ending with Palm Sunday. Holy Week is the week ending with Easter. Ascension Day is forty days after Easter. Whitsunday or Pentecost is seven weeks after Easter.

The dates on which Easter will come from 1970 to 2000 are: 1970 - March 29; 1971 - April 11; 1972 - April 2; 1973 - April 22; 1974 - April 14; 1975 - March 30; 1976 - April 18; 1977 - April 10; 1978 - March 26; 1979 - April 15; 1980 - April 6; 1981 - April 19; 1982 - April 11; 1983 - April 3; 1984 - April 22; 1985 - April 7; 1986 - March 30; 1987 - April 19; 1988 - April 3; 1989 - March 26; 1990 - April 15; 1991 - March 31; 1992 - April 19; 1993 - April 11; 1994 - April 3; 1995 - April 16; 1996 - April 7; 1997 - March 30; 1998 - April 12; 1999 - April 4; 2000 - April 23.

By Levi L. Stoltzfus

From LOBE den HERRN, No. 110

Kol. 3, 1. Seid ihr nun mit Christo auferstanden, so suchet, was droben ist, da Christus ist sitzend zu der Rechten Gottes.

1.

Zum Himmel bist du eingangen,
Mit Preis gekront, Herr Jesu Christ;
wie sollte mich nun nicht verlangen,
auch dort zu sein, wo du nun bist?
Ich bin ja nur ein Pilgrim hier;
nimm in die Heimat mich zu dir.

2.

Von Tode standst du auf zum Leben
und gingst verklärt zum Himmel ein;
so musz sich auch mein Geist erhaben,
soll ich nicht tot in Sunden sein.
Ein neues Leben winkt in mir,
so komm ich einst gewisz zu dir.

3.

Am Olberg fingen deine Leiden
mit bitterm Todesangsten an;
am Olberg gingst in hohen Freuden
du siegreich deine Himmelsbahn.
So folgt auf Leiden Herrlichkeit;
zu beiden mache mich bereit.

4.

Du habest segnend deine Hande
beim Scheiden von den Deinen auf.
O hilf, dasz einst auch ich vollende
von dir gesagnet meinen Lauf.
Wenn ich von dir gesagnet bin,
dann fahr in Frieden ich dahin.

5.

Ich sehe dir mit Glaubensblicken
in deinem Freudenhimmel nach;
mein Herz soll sich an dir erquicken,
der mir die Bahn zum Himmel brach.
Sieht dich auch hier mein Auge nicht,
doch bleibst du meine Zuversicht.

6.

Einst wirst du herrlich wiederkommen,
gleich wie du aufgefahren bist;
dann werd ich völlig aufgenommen,
wo mir bereit mein Erbteil ist.
So leb ich nun im Glauben hier,
im Schauen aber dort mit dir.

Berl. Gsgb. 1829.

Die Dritte Aufgabe

Die Anfangs-buchstaben

und L sind fast zu unter-

scheiden. Das ende von der groeße

L ist gerade wie der kleine

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The Hour Glass



From "Sarah E. Beiler, Writing Book"

Our pleasures here will soon be past
Our brightest joys decay
But pleasures there forever last
And can not fade away
My dearest friends when death shall come
At once must hence depart
But there we hope to meet them all
And never, never part.

Why do we mourn departed friends
Or shake at deaths alarms
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends
To call them to His arms.

75 YEARS AGO

Barbara, dau of Christian and Leah Fisher
Died March 9, 1895, aged 9 months

Go to thy rest fair Child
Go to thy dreamless bed
While yet so gentle, undefiled
With blessings on thy head.

Infant Son of Jacob and Annie Glick
Died March 24, 1895, aged 24 hours

An Angel took my flower away
Yet I will not repine
Since Jesus in His bosom wears
The flower that once was mine.

A year, alas, how soon its past
Who knows but this may be the last
A few short years, how soon they are fled
And we may be numbered with the dead.

Fannie, dau of David and Susan Beiler
Died March 12, 1895, aged 7 yrs., 7 mo., 3 days

Yes She is gone, yet do not thou
The goodness of the Lord distrust
But meekly to His wisdom bow
Who lays thy loved one in the dust.

Andrew, son of Christian and Sarah Petersheim
Died March 26, 1895, aged 17 years

The world around may wage and roar
And lay in dust their sinful power.
But nothing can that soul affright
Who lives for God and walks aright.

Infant Son of Gideon and Annie Zook, died March 1895, aged 14 hours

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past, we will refer to the family of Valley John Lapp Sr. who was born July 16, 1799 in Berks County, Pennsylvania and was a son of Michael Lapp Jr. According to wills and releases of Berks and Lancaster Counties, Michael Lapp Jr. died in 1802 in the Maiden Creek settlement as a young man of 32 years old, leaving his widow and three small children, namely Rebecca, John, and Abraham who died as a child. Rebecca Lapp was married to Christian Plank and had four children: John Plank married to Magdalena Yoder; Susannah Lapp married to Solomon Hartzler; Michael Plank married to Nancy Beiler and lived part of their lives in Missouri; Christian Plank married to Mary A. Reish. John Lapp Sr. the son of Michael Lapp Jr. married to Elizabeth Zook born December 20, 1801 and died July 17, 1849. To this union were born eleven children: Sarah born March 26, 1826 died May 9, 1847; Rebecca born December 20, 1827 married to John D. Byler of Mifflin County; Michael born August 10, 1829; Catherine born November 25, 1830 married to Jonathan King of Lancaster County; Johannes Z. Lapp Jr born September 25, 1832 married to Rachael Petersheim; Elizabeth born February 10, 1834; Isaac born January 4, 1836; Susanna born May 29, 1838; Daniel Z. born March 6, 1841 married to Elizabeth H. Yoder and raised a family of twelve children in Logan County, Ohio; Lydia born July 29, 1843, died in Logan County, Ohio in 1888 or 1889, married Theophilus (last name unknown); Julianna Lapp, youngest of the family born January 9, 1847, died March 16, 1884, aged 37 years and married to Isaac Franklin Peight of Mifflin County, Pennsylvania and were the parents of Preacher Samuel Peight of Belleville.

It is believed that John Lapp Sr. or Valley John as he was later called lived in Mifflin County and also in Union County, Pa. For John Lapp and his brother-in-law Christian Plank both were land holders in Union County in 1838. From all indications Valley John Lapp did not move to Lancaster County till after his first wife died in 1849. In 1865 he remarried, to Catherine (King) widow of Christian Diener. Catherine is buried in the Hertzler Cemetery near Morgantown. Valley John Lapp bought land in Leacock Twp. where widow Sadie Esh now lives, midway between Ronks and Gordonville. He died in the year of 1878.

John Z. Lapp Jr. married to Rachel Petersheim daughter of John Petersheim and lived where the King Sisters now live, known as Kings' Greenhouses near Irishtown. Here John Z. Lapp Jr. (also known as Valley John) died in 1912 without any children. Many inquiries were

made in the last few years concerning this Lapp Family. Among them is Walter Van Brocklin of Milwaukee, Wisconsin who is a descendant of Christian and Rebecca (Lapp) Plank. They found a letter in his grandmother's possession (Susanna Hartzler, daughter of Christian and Rebecca (Lapp) Plank) dated 1901 written by John Z. Lapp of Ronks, Pa.

As it may be of interest to some of the readers, following is a copy of the letter:
To Susan Hartzler-

"Dear Cuzzen:

By these few lines, I will inform you that we are about usually well hoping these few lines will find you all well--which is the best blessing we can have in this troublesom World. And, further, I haven't heard from you for so long that I thought I would write to you and likely you would write me a letter and inform me how you are all getting along. We have cold weather this while past and today it was snowing about an inch and further there are lots of weddings going on in our neighborhood. There are 2 of Jacob Eshes girls getting married on Tuesday next--Jacob Esh is a son of Daniel Esh, formerly of Buffalo Valley--you used to know him when we lived in Old Buffalo. And, there are some others and some married already. Jacob Esh lives on the farm where my father used to live and we live close to it and have stools to the wedding.

I wish you were here too. I can mind the time when you were married as if it had been yesterday. Well, is your John still running the mill at Brawnsville? and further, I suppose you have heard that my sister, Lydia, has died. She died over 2 years ago in Logan Co., Ohio, and her husband had bought 240 acres of land in Michigan, but I don't know what part of Michigan and he had intended to move out there this fall but was detained from doing so on account of sickness. As it was, Lydia took sister Julean's youngest child, about one and a half years old to raise; and, now she was grown up, when Lydia died. And, this fall she took typhoid fever and died on the 14th of this month. And, so Theoflous couldn't move, but I understood that he is betting ready to move before long. And, further, I was trying to find out last year where our grandfather Lapp was buried and then John Mast told me that he was buried in Berks County, Pa., about 6 miles north of Reading. He was your grandfather as well as mine. Now, if you come to our place next summer, we will go over and see where he is buried. I would like very much to see you all once more as you haven't been down here since we live in Lancaster County. I think you might come and pay us a visit.

When you write to me, please tell me how old your brother, John, was when he died. Well, my letter is getting rather long, but if I could talk to you I would not be half done yet. I was out in the Valley last spring to pay my sister, Becca, a visit and was at the conference also. And a few years ago, I was in Buffalo Valley and seen 5 of my school mates and talked with them--they seemed glad to see me. Well, now I will close for this time by sending our best respects to all of you. So much from your Cuzzen and well wisher--Write soon. Signed,

John Z. Lapp"

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Yoder, Katie, daughter of Jonas J. and Lydia A. Swarey Yoder, Belleville, Star Route, Pa. died on the way to the hospital early Saturday morning, March 7. She was born Oct. 29, 1969, aged 4 mo and 6 days. She had not been healthy for the last two months.

Surviving are the parents; grandparents, David Swareys and Dea. Amos Yoders, Belleville; great grandparents, Jonathan Zooks of Lancaster, Crist K. Swareys, Millcreek, Katie B. Yoder, Belleville, Uncles, Aunts and cousins. Funeral services were held Monday, March 9, by Shem Swarey and Bishop Jacob E. Byler; Burial in Locust Grove Cemetery.

Zook, Infant son of David S. and Mary K. (Glick) Zook, Paradise R1, Pennsylvania died shortly after birth Sunday, March 29. Besides the parents, the child is survived by paternal grandparents, Samuel K. and Annie Stoltzfus Zook, of Paradise R1; maternal grandparents, Christ and Mary King Glick, of Gap R1; and paternal great-grandparents, Isaac and Mary King Zook, Christiana R1, and Leroy and Fannie Blank Stoltzfus, Kinzers R1.

Moving to Ohio from Buchanan Co. Iowa

Preacher Joni Petersheim and family of 9 children ranging from 1 year to 17 years old, on March 2, 1979 moved to LaRue, Hardin County, Ohio

Arthur, Illinois, Community Notes:

David Ray Otto, 10, son of Daniel D. Otto was riding on a stalk machine and fell off in front of it, breaking a leg and getting other bruises and cuts; has been in the hospital since but is recovering nicely.

TO OUR REPORTERS:

We have plans to add a "Senior Sinshine" page to THE DIARY (perhaps in May or June) listing our older members who were born in 1890 or before. We would like to have a list of those in your community. Anything else you may wish to add will be considered.

Unsere Geistliche Bücher

Lasset das Wort Christi unter euch reichlich wohnen in aller Weisheit; lehret und vermahnet euch selbst mit Psalmen und Lobgesängen und geistlichen Liedern, und singet dem Herren in euren Herzen.
Kolosser 3:16

Hymn No. 35, Unpartheyisches GESUNG-BUCH

1.

Jesu meines lebens leben,
Jesu meines todes tod,
Der du dich für mich gegeben
In die tiefste seelennoth,
In das auszerste verderben,
Nur dasz ich nicht möchte sterben,
Tausend, tausendmal sey dir,
Liebster Jesu, dank dafür.

2.

Du, ach! du hast ausgestanden
Lästerreden, spott und hohn,
Speichel, schlage, strick und banden,
Du gerechter Gottes sohn,
Nur mich armen zu erretten
Von des teufels sündenketten.
Tausend, tausendmal sey dir,
Liebster Jesu, dank dafür.

3.

Du hast lassen wunden schlagen,
Dich erbarmlich richtin zu,
Um zu heilen meine plagen,
Und zu setzen mich in ruh.
Ach! du hast zu meinem segnen,
Lassen dich mit fluch belegen.
Tausend, tausendmal sey dir,
Liebster Jesu, dank dafür.

8.

Nun ich danke dir von herzen, Jesu, für gesammte noth;
Für die wunden, für die schmerzen, Für den herben bitteren tod,
Für dein zittern, für dein zagen, Für dein tausendfaches plagen,
Für dein ach und tiefe pein Will ich ewig dankbar seyn.

Ernst Christoph Homburg

Homburg, Ernst Christoph, geboren 1605 zu Mihla bei Eisenach, starb 2. Juni 1681 als Rechtskonsulent in Raumburg.

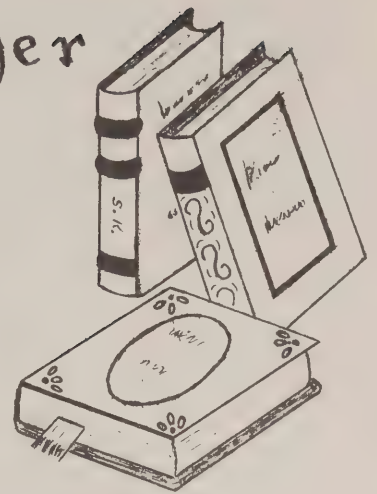
From LOBE den HERRN, Page 536

Karfreitag.

Herr Jesu Christe, du Mittler des neuen Bundes, demütige uns heute durch den Anblick deines Leidens und Sterbens. Wir haben dir Arbeit gemacht mit unseren Sünden und Mühe gemacht mit unseren Missetaten. Fürwahr du trugst unsere Krankheit und ludst auf dich unsere Schmerzen. Du bist unsrer Missetat willen verwundet und um unsrer Sünde willen Zerschlagen. Die Strafe liegt auf dir, auf dasz wir Freiden hätten, und durch deine Wunden sind wir geheilt. Treuer Heiland und Versöhner! Du hast das grosse Werk unserer Erlösung vollbracht. O lasz dein Sterben unser Leben, deine Gerechtigkeit unser Heil, deinen Todeskampf unsern Sieg und ewigen Frieden werden. Versetze uns in die Gemeinschaft deines Lebens, dasz unser alter Mensch samt dir gekreuzigt und begraben werde in den Tod und wir zu einem neuen Leben mit dir auferstehen. Entzünde unsere Herzen durch die Liebe, damit du uns geliebt hast bis in den Tod, dasz wir dich wiederum lieben mit rechter Inbrunst des Geistes und dir dein Kreuz nachtragen im Glauben und in Geduld. Herr Jesu, wie du selbst deinen Geist befohlen hast in die Hände deines himmlischen Vaters, so befehlen auch wir im Festen Vertrauen auf die Kraft deiner Erlösung unsern Geist samt Seele und Leib in deine allmächtige Hand. --Lasz, Herr, das Wort vom Kreuz eine Gotteskraft und Friedensbotschaft werden bei allen Menschen und unter all Völkern, damit auch die, welche noch ferne stehen, erlöst werden von ihren Sunden und samt uns deine Gnade und Herrlichkeit rühmen. Denn du, Herr, hast uns erkauft mit deinem Blute; du bist würdig zu nehmen Preis und Ehre und Kraft und Gewalt von Ewigkeit zu Ewigkeit. Amen.



Nun aber ist Christus
auferstanden von den
toten... 1 Cor 5:20



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Dr. Johan Grauman--Page 317, Polish born, July 4, 1487 in Baiern. He studied in Leipzig, he was Dr. Eck's writer at the famous disputation of Luther. He became pastor at Konigberg and helped to bring about the Reformation, died April 29, 1541.

Adam Gretegen--Page 120, died in 1660. A prayerful hymn regarding the preserverence of the church.

Johann Heremann, born October 11, 1585 in Rauden, was preacher in Koben. He was driven about because of The Thirty Year's War. He was ill and sickly most of his life, died in Lissa, February 27, 1647.

Heinrich Held--Page 15*, born in Schlesien.

Valerius Herberger--Page 221*, born April 21, 1562 in Fraustadt, Poland. He studied in Leipzig. Became deacon and pastor in Fraustadt. "Valet will ich hir Gaben," he composed in time of plague or epidemic in 1613, died May 18, 1627.

Dr. Johan Herrenschmidt--Page 213, born April 11, 1675. He was preacher and superintendent, died at Glockau, February 5, 1723, an upright man and composer of 17 hymns.

Herzog, Johan Friedrich--Page 358, born in Dresden, June 5, 1647. He was lawyer in Jena, died March 21, 1699.

Ernest Christoph Hamburg--Page 43* & 50, born at Muhls in Eisenach in 1605. He was a law consultant in Naumburg and composed 148 songs, died June 21, 1681.

Christian Kehman--Page 27, 1607 in Bohmen where his father was preacher, died as rector in Zittau, January 13, 1662.

Christoph Knoll--Page 382, born in 1563 in Schlefien, died as deacon in Sprottau. He composed hymn in time of epidemic, died in 1650.

Joachim Lange--Page 353, born October 26, 1670. He was teacher in Berlin, professor of theology at Halle and director of the Seminary there, died May 7, 1744.

Laurentius Laureutic--Page 323 & 129, born June 8, 1660 in Schleswig, was Music Director in the Domekirche in Bremen. He composed 126 hymns, died May 29, 1722.

Fredrich Leopold Lehr--Page 418, born at Frankfort on the Main, studied at Jena and Halle. He taught the children of Partor Frehlinghausers, died January 26, 1744.

Ehrenfried Liebich--Page 474, born at Liegnity, June 13, 1713, he was preacher in Erdmansdorf, died December 23, 1780.

Salomo Liscou--Page 404, 129 & 236, born October 25, 1640. a preacher's son, studied in Wittenburg, died as deacon in Wurzen, December 5, 1689.

Lousie Heuriette--Page 48, born November 17, 1617, wife of elector of Brandeleuburg, died June 8, 1667.

Elizabeth Ludamilia--Page 49*, born April 7, 1640. She was countess of Schwarzburg and composer of 215 hymns, died March 12, 1662, aged 22 years.

Martin Luther--Page 11 & 171, songs translated from Latin. Luther was born in Eisleben and became professor of theology in 1508. He was the leading reformer to brake from Catholicism in 1515 and founded the church that bares his name, died February 18, 1546.

Johan Matthesius--Page 347, born June 24, 1504, became preacher at Joachimstahl. He died in the pulpit, October 8, 1565.

Joachim Meander--Page 174, 299, 314, 377, 142, 55, 72, 340, 277, 391, 357, 447*, born 1650 in Bremen, became rector in Dusseldorf where he was driven away. He was preacher in Bremen in 1679. He encountered many trials, died May 31, 1680.

Adam Reisner--Page 67, born 1471. He studied law, died in Frankfort, 1563.

Christian Richter--Page 423 and probably 143, born 1676 in Sorau. He studied medicine and theology and was doctor at an orphanage, died October 5, 1711.

Bartholomaus Ringwald--Page 416 & 402, born at Frankfort/Oder, preacher at Langfeld in Brandenburg. He was composer of many spiritual hymns, died in Langenberg in 1598.

Martin Rinkart--Page 365*, born April 23, 1586 in Eilenburg, studied in Leipzig (theology and music). He endured plagues, war, famine and hunger, died December, 1649.

Johan Rist--Page 354*, born March 8, 1607, near Altona, son of preacher. He studied theology, became a preacher in Wedel, died August 3, 1667, composed 658 spiritual hymns.

Samuel Rodigast--Page 219, born October 19, 1649 in the village of Groben, studied in Jena. He was rector in Berlin where he died March 19, 1708.

Christian Knarr von Rosenroth--Page 476*, born in 1636, composed in 1684, died in 1689.

Johan Casper Schade--Page 178 & 305, born January 13, 1665 in St. Nicolaikirche in Berlin where he died July 25, 1698.

Johan Scheffer--Page 150 & 287, born in 1624 in Breslau. He studied medicine in Strasburg and died after a long illness, July 9, 1677. He wrote 205 hymns.

Hartmann Schenk--Page 6, born April 7, 1634 in Ruhla near Eisenach. He preached at Bibra, died May 2, 1681.

Nilolus Selnecker--Page 428. He wrote first and second verse in 1580.

Michael Schirmer--Page 52, born in Leipzig in 1606. Because of the many trials he endured he was called the German "Job," died May 4, 1673.

Johann Heinrich Schroder--Page 153, born in 1666 in Hannover and was a minister in Merseburg, died June 30, 1699.

Johann Jacob Schuty--Page 312, born in September, 1640. He was a Law Consulant, died May 22, 1690.

Dr. Justus Sieber--Page 482, born March 7, 1628 in Einsbeck. He was a preacher at Shandau, a crowned author of Hymns, died January 23, 1695.

Paul Speratus--Page 75, born December 13, 1484. He attended an Italian academy in Paris and taught at Augsburg, Wurzburg, Salzburg and Vienna. He came to Wittenburg in 1523 where he became known to Luther and was a court Chaplain and with Johann Brismann and Johann Poliander layed the foundation to the Reformation in Prussia, died September 17, 1554.

Josua Stegmann--Page 158 & 159, born at Sulzfeld in France. He studied in Leipzig, Professor of theology in Riuteln, died August 3, 1632.

Gerhard Tersteegen--Page 186, 85, 182, 361, 420*, 428*, born November 27, 1697 at Mörs in Prussia. He was a pious man and attended high school until 15 years of age and turned from a salesman to a teacher. Later he moved to the Ruhr and was a weaver by trade, died April 3, 1769.

Christoph Tietze--Page 250, born May 24, 1641 at Wilkau near Breslau, Pastor at Herebruck, died February 21, 1703.

Sigismunel Weingartener--Page 222, a preacher in the beginning of the 18th century at Heilbronn

Michael Weiz--Page 473, born in Schlesien, a preacher at Landskron and Fulneck in Bohmen and a close friend of Luther's.

Duke Wilhelm II--Page 4, born April 11, 1598 in Altenburg. He was a ruler who fought many successful battles in the 30 years wars, died May 17, 1662.

Dr. Johann Zwick--Page 49, studied to be Doctor of Theology but was affected by the Reformation. He became a preacher in Riedlingen but was driven away in 1525, died 1542.

Johann Adam Hasslocher--Page 118, born 1645 in Speyer, chaplain and consistorial council in Weilburg, died 1726.

Dr. Eberhard Ludwig Fischer--Page 454, Court chaplain, Prelate of Adelberg and the consistory council in Stuttgart, Germany.

Dr. Johann Hofel--Page 442, born in 1600 in Uffenheim and became a legal adviser in Schweinfurt, died in 1683.

M. Benjamin Pratorius--Page 435, born in Weissenfels, Partor at Grosslissa. He published a collection of hymns called "Voices of Lebanon." He received a poetic degree in 1661.

Dr. Johann Reinhard Hedinger--Page 273, born 1664 in Stuttgart, Germany. At his death in 1704 was on the consistory council and court chaplain under Herzog Eberhard Ludwig. The song book "Tausendliederbuch" was compiled by him.

Hieronymus d'Annone--Page 4, born in Basel, Switzerland. He became pastor in Muttentz, in Canton of Basel. He was the publisher of a song book.

Christopher Dock--Page 145, 292, 281 & 472, born in Germany and came to America in 1714 and taught school in Skipack among the early Mennonite settlement. He is best known by his essay, "School Management." Dock wrote at least 7 hymns and wrote very practical on Christian life, pages 281 and 472 are especially devoted to school children. Tradition says, "that he died on his knees while praying after school." He is buried at Lower Skipack Mennonite Church. In 1915 a memorial was placed in the cemetery in memory of him and the school where he taught. At that time it was not known that he is buried about 35 feet near the new monument. It is quite possible that many American Mennonites wrote songs and had them entered into the Unparteyisches Gesangbuch, but with-held the names as an act of humility. Dock is the only song writer (American), known to me, to have any songs entered therein.

Any farther help along these lines would be deeply appreciated!

No editions have been changed since the 1829 edition.

The third edition of 1820 had a unique appendix, showing suitable Scripture verses to certain songs.

This matter is reproduced here:

Eine Anweisung, Diejenigen Lieder zu suchen, die unter den angemarkten Capiteln stehen, *Zweite Lied.

Matt. 3.(460)*	Matt.14.(365)	Matt.27. (37)	Luc. 22.(104)
Matt. 4.(287)	Matt.15.(128)*	Matt.28. (39)	Luc. 22.(113)
Matt. 5.(224)	Matt.17.(408)*	Luc. 10.(252)*	Luc. 22.(117)
Matt. 5.(130)	Matt.18.(131)	Luc. 11.(169)	Luc. 22.(457)
Matt. 5.(165)	Matt.18.(261)	Luc. 12.(399)	Joh. 1. (76)
Matt. 6.(399)	Matt.19.(320)*	Luc. 13. (78)*	Joh. 2.(324)
Matt. 7.(300)	Matt.19.(326)*	Luc. 14.(324)	Joh. 3.(123)
Matt. 7.(170)	Matt.20.(137)	Luc. 15. (63)	Joh. 4.(165)
Matt. 8.(149)	Matt.21.(251)*	Luc. 16.(405)	Joh. 5.(171)
Matt. 9.(418)	Matt.22.(396)	Luc. 16.(281)	Joh. 10.(322)
Matt.10.(81)	Matt.23.(118)	Luc. 17. (69)	Joh. 10.(192)
Matt.11.(218)	Matt.24.(402)	Luc. 18.(212)	Joh. 15.(123)
Matt.12.(10)	Matt.24.(400)	Luc. 19.(203)	Joh. 15.(332)
Matt.13.(129)	Matt.25.(321)	Luc. 20.(103)*	Oster (47)
Matt.13.(398)	Matt.25.(322)	Luc. 21.(405)*	H. F. (58)

Lampeter Township, Lancaster County,
February 20, 1821

Dearly beloved Brother-in-law and Sister Weber:

(The first half of the letter consists of personalia)

I thought I would not write much this time, but since you will probably have read through the old letters, and since you like to read written and printed material, I am sending my dear sister Charlotta Weber one of our last hymnbooks.¹ We had it printed for the first time in the year 1804 and the second time in the year 1808. Now again in the third edition as before we are printing 4,000 copies and they are selling so fast as they are bound, and we expect that there will be none left over or there may even not be enough. Thus you can see that the Mennonites are strong in number.

And now I want to tell you how it went when the first book was to be printed. Since we had all sorts of hymnbooks, the old Swiss songbooks² and Reformed³ hymnbooks and not enough of what we had, our brethren decided to have a hymnbook printed for ourselves. Brethren and choristers were to select beautiful and fitting hymns, after which they were to be collected and given over to 3, 4, or 5 men. These men were to select enough out of the hymns which had been collected so that the hymnbook would not be too large. After a time two Skippack⁴ brethren came together with two of our leading bishops in my house to examine the hymns which had been collected. The Skippack brethren, since they have a large and strong church as well as a large district and are well-trained in singing, had brought together enough hymns for a complete hymnbook and had 3,000 subscriptions in advance. We also had many hymns from Virginia⁵, from Jacob's Creek⁶, and from our vicinity, which were to go into the book. So it was feared that the book would become too large. In addition our brethren wanted to include a number of psalms and notes. In short, the difference was so great that the Skippack brethren said that their hymns had been handed in by so many brethren and dared not be omitted, and so many had already subscribed, and there was a lengthy discussion. The second day the Skippack brethren said that they were only delegates, and they saw no other way than to have their book printed in Germantown⁷ where they had a good printer and bookbinder, which was so handy for them that they could look after everything, and we could print ours in Lancaster. And so the outcome was that they had as many printed as we. But that made no difference to us or them, for we love one another, and we visit them and they visit us every year. And still it is a pity that it had to be so. For many years already, many families have been moving to Virginia, Jacob's Creek⁶, and Canada⁸, and each has his hymnbook, and then they have different hymnbooks when they come together. Although you will doubtless know most of the hymns in the books, you will probably find many beautiful and valuable hymns, especially in the last appendix, which are strange to you and have never yet appeared in print.

Last fall we had a severe fever in our vicinity and for some distance around, of which many people died, but at the present time most are well. January was cold and had much snow, while this month is mild and tolerable. Last year we had a very warm and dry summer but the crops as well as the fodder and fruit were plentiful and practically all the necessities of life are to had in abundance and cheap. And as we read in the papers it must be

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¹Unparteyisches Gesangbuch, Lancaster, Pa. 1804

²The Ausbund, first edition 1564, was the ancient and only Swiss Mennonite hymnbook. It was reprinted in Germantown, Pa. 1742, 1751, 1767, 1785, 1815 and many times later in Lancaster and elsewhere. Apparently it was not in universal use in Lancaster Mennonitism and was easily supplanted.

³The Reformed hymnbook referred to was probably Ambrosii Lobwasser's Neu vermehrtes Gesangbuch, published for the first time at Germantown in 1753, and again at the same place in 1763. The writer found a number of copies of the second edition at the Groffdale Church in Lancaster County.

⁴"Skippack" refers to what is now called the "Franconia" Conference District, composed of churches chiefly in Bucks and Montgomery Counties in Pennsylvania.

⁵A considerable Mennonite settlement was early established in the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia, the first settler coming probably as early as 1728.

⁶Jacobs' Creek was the name of the Mennonite settlement in Westmoreland County, in southwestern Penna., in the vicinity of what is now Scottdale. The settlement dates its origin at least as early as 1804.

⁷The "Skippack" hymnbook was first issued in 1803 at Germantown by Michael Billmeyer with the title, Die kleine Geistliche Harfe.

⁸Families from Bucks and Montgomery counties from the "Skippack" district began moving to Lincoln Co., Ontario as early as 1799 and possibly 1786. The emigrants from Lancaster settled chiefly in Waterloo Co. with some in York County.

From THE COMING KING by James Edison White (Published, 1906)

FAMINES

And there shall be famines. Matthew 24:7.

Anything which cuts off the supply of food from any part of the world produces famine in that locality. There are many causes that may result in famine, prominent among which are drought, excessive rains, floods, frosts, the desolation of war, etc.

History records more than three hundred and fifty famines since the memorable seven years' famine in Egypt in Joseph's time. Among the most prominent of recent times may be mentioned the following:--

In 1775, in Cape Verd, 15,000 persons perished.

In 1814, 1816, 1822, 1831, and 1846, occurred the notable famines in Ireland, occasioned by the failure of the potato crop. In 1847, the English Parliament voted \$50,000,000 to purchase food for the starving people of Ireland during the famine of that year.

In 1837-38, 800,000 persons perished in Northwestern India

In 1865-66, in Bengal and Orissa about 1,000,000 persons perished.

THE FAMINES OF INDIA.

The following facts are gathered from an article by Charles Edward Russell, entitled, "Soldiers of the Common Good." in Everybody's Magazine, for June, 1906.

Eight million souls perished in India in one year for lack of food--not mercifully cut off from a happy life in the midst of plenty by terrific earthquake--not swept down by the devastating fire or war or revolution, willing sacrifices of a nation--not victims of accident or disease, but perished after the prolonged agonies of deprivation and starvation. Perished, men, women, and little children while daily watching each other grow gaunt and lean and sunken eyed, until with parched throats and gnawing pains they sink upon their crouched haunches, the bones all but protruding from their attenuated limbs, and await death in the village streets already cumbered with the dead, for there were not enough living to give them burial.

A famine in India claimed more victims in a year than have perished in all the battle-fields of the world in centuries.

We shudder at the thought of the French Revolution and the Reign of Terror, but it would take 3,500 Reigns of Terror to kill as many people as died in India in one year from lack of food.

In 1877 more than 5,000,000 perished in the region of Madras. In the valley of Ganter, boasting 700,000 inhabitants, death by starvation claimed two out of every five.

In the Northern Indian famine of 1837, 1,000,000 perished. In 1860, in the same region, 200,000. In 1866 one-third of the population perished. In 1869, in the same region, the mortality was 1,200,000, and again in 1878 it was 1,250,000.

In the great famine of 1897, 3,000,000 were receiving government relief which alone kept them from death.

In 1900 began the startling devastation of black famine that was not extinguished for two years. Six million and two hundred thousand people were kept from starvation by the relief of the government and outside charities.

Between the years 1891 and 1901 there was an actual decrease in the population of 8,000,000. On a basis of 10.2 per cent. increase in the famine area there should have been an increase of 8,000,000, showing an estimated loss to the country of 16,000,000 souls in ten years.

The famines of India are growing worse and coming more often. The large charities which flow in from the superabundance of nations reeking in plenty is scarcely sufficient to check the slow tread of the gaunt figures in that huge charnel house.

THE EVIL OF CASTE.

But pitiable as is the death of this vast multitude of souls, their lives are still more pitiable; bound by a chain of forged circumstances of birth and governmental conditions, they have no means of preventing the inevitable famines nor of relieving the perennial starvation.

In the Hindu System all men are born into a rigidly defined class or caste. The original demarcation having been regulated centuries ago by their ancestors, and being most rigidly adhered to even to this day and to the end of time. The four great divisions of caste are the Brahmin priests, the warriors, the farmers and traders, and the Sudras, serfs, and laborers.

An Indian is doomed to rise no higher than the caste in which he was born. He may fall to a lower or the lowest, but never by learning, wisdom, achievement, benevolence, service to his country, or the accumulation of sordid wealth can he arise above that station in which he and his father were born and of which caste his sons and grandsons will forever be. He cannot touch one of the caste beneath him without becoming defiled. He may not relieve his distress or show compassion for his woes. And he may not though he starve receive food from his hands or drink from his cup. He guards himself in the multitude lest a low caste "dog" jostle against him.

"Low caste servants and dogs" are not permitted to enter the magnificent temples of the more fortunate and wealthy nabobs. The laborers are contemptibly despised according to the gradations of their caste, branded with an ineffaceable sign of infamy, "laborers."

The Sudras, the lowest caste of laborers, work for \$2.24 per month; work as human machines without hope, without opportunity, without light or joy or sufficiency. Their faces are vacant, pathetic, and listless. They never speak a word or exchange glances. Clothed with but a dirty rag about the loins and a dirty turban about the head, ever looking downward, they have no consciousness of man's existence other than the mechanical work in which they are engaged. No hope of a happier existence for them in this world or the next.

THE AWFUL TAX BURDEN.

The farmer is the first step above the Sudras in caste. He is not improvident nor is he a fool. If he had a chance he would in years of plenty lay by for the lean years sure to follow: but because of the land system and the tax system he is never able to lay by the smallest reserve. He usually rents his land, but if he should be a peasant proprietor his condition is but little improved. The basis of taxes is one-half the value of the crop after the expense of cultivation has been deducted. The more energy and labor he puts into his work the more heavily is he taxed. The greater his industry the higher his rent. In eleven years 840,713 farmers were sold out for defaulting in their taxes. Not only were their tenancy rights taken from them, but their wretched furniture, their cooking utensils, all except the rags of clothing they wore. The Indian farmer is the most heavily taxed person in the world, he is taxed into famine.

NO IMPROVEMENTS FOR 3,000 YEARS

The farmer's work is done with the conveniences of 1000 years B. C. He has no irrigating plant, he waters his land by drawing water in buckets from wells with ox teams.

Mr. Russell, in relating his experience, says: "From one well I examined, the product was seventy gallons an hour. But that was enough to keep green the little field, and so long as the little field was green the farmer and his household could live.

"But not every farm has a well, not every farmer has a team of bullocks to pull up the water, nor men to help him. And where there were no wells the ground was baked to brick-dust."

"There are no modern pumps in India. Every day in that unhappy region the wind blew ten, twelve, fifteen miles an hour, and I traveled two thousand miles there and saw only two windmill pumps. One was at a hotel and the other at an English dairy."

The soil is so rich that it is capable of producing two or even three crops per year, provided there is plenty of rainfall. The rainfalls are not to be depended upon; seasons of drought are invariably followed by seasons of famine.

If the Indian soil were irrigated as abundantly as our Western Valleys they would no doubt bring forth as unfailingly and as abundantly.

India is crossed and recrossed by rivers and watercourses. They are always full during the spring and early summer. It would be easily possible for the Government to put in reservoirs and effective irrigating plants and thus prevent the famines that have so inevitably followed every drought. The Government of India has plenty of means, the Indian farmer has none.

THE PITY OF IT.

From a reading of the experiences of Mr. Russell during his investigations through India, it seems clear that there is no need for the awful devastations of that land by famine and the plagues which follow.

India has been under the rule of England for one hundred and fifty years, during which time there have been thirty-three awful famines. What has she done to relieve this distressed land? Proper irrigation would save the country. The installing of a well, a pump, and a wind-mill means the salvation of a farmer and his family. Yet, Mr. Russell says, "I have never heard that the Government took enough interest in the matter to try to introduce such things."

One writer says. "The Government of India has plenty of means." This is evidenced by Mr. Russell's account of the entertainment of the Prince of Wales during his recent three months' tour through that country. It was one long series of extravagant display.

"Bombay, the splended, surpassed itself in the face of joy it presented when the Prince landed. Native nobles came from all the regions around, the streets were filled with their gorgeous cavalcades, the illuminations were marvelous. The great reception was described as 'one blaze of diamonds; such a display of jewels and magnificent costumes had probably never been witnessed before in India;'"

"At Jaipur the Mahraja had subscribed \$330,000 merely to ornament the city." The subscriptions of wealthy merchants swelled this sum enormously. Great triumphal arches were erected and the houses decorated with bunting and greenery. But this was not enough. "Whole streets were repainted in gayest colors to please the Prince's eye."

"The old palace at Amber, abandoned by the Mahrajas when Jaipur was built, was cleared of its accumulated rubbish and restored to the height of ancient splendors." For a few days only the Prince remained to enjoy this palace, but the cost was enormous.

At Bikanir, Lahore, and Peshawar, the Prince was entertained regardless of outlay.

At Rawalpindi "forty thousand troops were assembled from all parts of India," and presented "the greatest military pageant witnessed in modern Asia."

March

Delhi spent a million dollars in entertaining the Prince.

Agra, Gwalior, Lucknow, and Calcutta created new records of festivity.

"At Rangoon the famous lakes were illuminated with such lavish and beautiful effects that 'all conception of Fairy Land was eclipsed.'"

The journey down the Irrawaddy River occupied three days. Three steamers were provided for the Prince and his company, one of which had been rebuilt for the occasion. The estimated cost to the steamboat company was \$200,000.

For his travel on land the train provided was "a marvel of sumptuous luxury." Every car of this train had been "specially constructed for the use of the royal party."

But the Prince of Wales did not see India. He saw only what those who conducted the tour wished him to see. But that was not India.

"Here, in this frightful country, are 296,000,000 people, of whom 130,000,000 live in a way unfit for beasts, in a way that would be unwholesome and intolerable for swine, burrowing in wretched mud huts, clad in strips of rag, fed upon meagre fragments barely enough to keep them alive, swarming in filth unutterable."

And while millions were being poured out in spectacular display to gratify and honor a Prince of the realm to which this land belonged, "the plague was raging in many cities, cholera had made its annual appearance," and "here was beginning what promised to be the worst of all famines of black famine history."

Well may the lovers of humanity suggest that the millions spent in unnecessary display could have reclaimed whole districts of famine and plague stricken India.

HOW WE ARE INTERESTED.

Are the people of to-day concerned regarding the spread of the "plague," and in the means and efforts for its suppression? Let such remember that India is the plague center of the world.

Every famine in that seemingly so far off land is a menace to the health of the whole civilized world. Epidemics invariably follow famines. Fevers, smallpox, cholera, the plague, lurk in the poisonous water supplies, the undrained cesspools, the germ laden dust, the defective sanitation attendant upon the unburied dead of the famine period. These epidemics always reap a second crop of death in this benighted land. In the year 1900 following the famine 809,179 died of cholera, 85,796 of smallpox, and 552,704 of dysentery. From this focus these highly contagious diseases are carried to every foreign port and there break out afresh.

No land is immune, no household is even comparatively safe, until India is reclaimed.

NOT IN INDIA ALONE.

But it is not to India alone that we can look for the fulfillment of Christ's prophecy as recorded in Matthew 24:7. Three hundred thousand died of starvation and attendant diseases in the reconcentrado camps of Cuba during her war with Spain. Russia and China have had their recent famines and in many districts are always on the verge of starvation. Recently the United States and other lands have liberally contributed to assist in caring for the famine sufferers in the interior of Japan.

While famine is not a direct evidence of the last days, yet its increasing frequency, together with the failure of food crops, shows that our world is growing old, and, like a feeble old man, is wasting away to its final death. In many localities that once produced abundantly, continual cropping has taken the fertility from the soil, until it has become wholly unproductive, and hence is abandoned to weeds and briars.

But still more alarming as it applies more directly to our immediate needs, some of our most important food crops are failing, often without apparent cause. The falling off of the wheat crop in the leading wheat-producing States is startling, and grave fears are aroused in regard to the future of this staple bread product. For years the papers of our land have been calling attention to the decrease of the grain crops of the United States. The New York Tribune states that in the three great wheat-producing States of Ohio, Illinois, and Michigan, "the average wheat crop has run down to less than twelve bushels to the acre and it cannot be long till the wheat culture there must be abandoned as unprofitable."

The abundant wheat crops of the great Western States are filling the gap caused by the falling off in the older wheat-producing States; but these may in turn show the same record as the others. Already California, which for years has been our greatest wheat-producing State, is showing a decrease in production. Of this a prominent California paper says: "In our oldest wheat-raising districts there has been a marked decline in production since 1866."

An agricultural report from Washington makes the following statement: "Twenty years have wrought changes in the list of the wheat-growing States that are suggestive and even startling. . . . Facts showing the decrease of yield in every State would be equally striking and more sadly suggestive. . . . Many gloomy reports and forebodings of failure have come from the 'Golden State.'"

Everything indicates that the world is growing old, and in her dotage. The prophet Isaiah, speaking of the last days, says, "The earth shall wax old like a garment." Isaiah 51:6. The truth of this prophecy is brought to our minds in a hundred different ways. The difficulty and uncertainty, the falling off of crops that a few years ago were regarded as sure; the failure entirely of some of the products of the soil, especially in

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Centralia. In the spring of 1900 the families of J.D. Guengerich and two sons-in-law, E. C. Beachey and Dan Esch, moved there too. The same fall Pre. John Zimmerman and family of McPherson Co., Kansas moved in. From then on regular church services were held in the dwelling houses but the practice of furnishing dinner to the church was never adopted as it had been with most Amish congregations elsewhere. In the spring of 1900 a Sunday School was organized and held mostly in the Strother school district which came to be the center of the settlement. Some years later when the colony began to melt away Sunday school was held in the Burnham district. Frequently these services were held in the afternoon.

The first member of this Amish Mennonite colony to become a native Missourian was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Guengerich, Willis, born May 22, 1900.

In the fall of 1900 the David Yoder family from Wellman, Iowa, moved to the new colony. The following fall Shem Swartzendruber and family of Wright Co., Iowa, moved to Missouri; and at about the same time D. K. Yoder, formerly from Wright Co., Iowa, moved into this region and remained until May, 1902, when he moved to Huron Co., Michigan. In the spring of 1902 Pre. Noah Yoder of near Kalona, Iowa, and his son John with their families, and Lewis O. Gingerich, a son-in-law, and wife (recently married) moved in.

Death made its first visit to the colony in the same spring that ground for a cemetery was leased by the congregation from David Yoder. Ira, the son of Valentine V. Swartzendruber, died on Friday, March 29, 1901, at the age of 4 years, 3 months and 21 days. And as the settlement grew from the original three families to a crest of thirteen, this cemetery also grew, and before the colony finally disappeared seven more found this their last resting place. In February, 1903, Ida, wife of Lewis O. Gingerich, passed away; then a child of D. C. Esch's; then one of Elmer Guengerich's; then one of E. C. Beachy's; one of Chris Gingerich's; later one of H. A. Yoder's. In 1910, Lydia, wife of J. D. Guengerich, died and was buried there in the spring but after the death of her husband, was exhumed and buried by his side in Iowa. The above cemetery is one and one-half miles south of the Strother schoolhouse. There was a cement wall around it.

Soon after the death of Ida, wife of Lewis O. Gingerich, Ed. Miller, also a son-in-law of Pre. Noah Yoder, of Johnson County, Iowa, moved into the home with his father-in-law. In the spring of 1903 Jacob Shetler, son-in-law of J.D. Guengerich, moved into the settlement from Iowa, while Moses Nafziger moved in from Iowa, about the same time.

Some time preceeding 1907 Isaiah and Lizzie Kauffman and their mother, Mrs. David J. Kauffman, moved there from Fayette Co., Ill. Sister Kauffman, the mother, died in March, 1907. She was taken to Arthur, Ill., to be buried. Isaiah and Lizzie lived there a few years and then went to Bloomfield, Montana, where they were both married.

About the year 1907 or '08 Pre. Noah Yoder and son-in-law Ed. Miller moved back to Iowa. V. V. Swartzendruber moved to Hydro, Okla. About the same time Joseph Overholt moved in from the Panhandle, Texas, region. In 1909 Ben Esch moved in from West Branch, Mich., stayed about two years, and then left for Oklahoma. Daniel J. Swartzendruber formerly of Maryland, moved here from Illinois, but remained only a few months and then moved to Panquier Co., Va. The Joe Overholt family moved away in about 1912.

In the fall of 1907, Henry A. Yoder, of Iowa Co., Ia., and Barbara, daughter of J. D. Guengerich were married and lived in the community for some years. A little later Esther, daughter of Shem Swartzendruber, was married to Simon Gnagey and moved to Huron Co., Mich. In December 1906 Chris Gingerich and Barbara Yoder were married. Also William Hershberger of Indiana, married a daughter of Pre. John Zimmerman. In January 1911, Frank Gingerich, son of J. C. Gingerich, married Inez Williamson, a native, and moved to Iowa. Nancy, the youngest daughter of J. D. Guengerich, was married in the fall of 1914 to John M. Yoder of Parnell, Iowa, and moved to that place.

As the colony grew, it prospered. Nearly all bought farms. The farms ranged in size from 100 to 160 acres. Through much hard work and thrift, for which the Amish are noted, this community did assume a changed aspect. Many built new homes and larger barns. Better farming methods made the land more productive. The soil was built up with fertilizer. Heretofore, the native Missourians had to plow their corn one way because it was drilled; by the time it was "laid by" each row was ridged up about like sweet potatoes. The easygoing natives had always used a small disc drawn by two mules; the colonists brought in four-horse discs. Threshing was also a long-drawnout affair for them; at one place it took them most of a half day to set the threshing machine. However, as the Missourians learned new farming methods from the Amish settlers, the Amish also learned from the Missourians.

But in spite of thrift, hard work, soil improvement, and good farming methods, there were some crop failures because of unfavorable weather. The first year, 1898, was wet and unseasonable for good crops. The climate often seemed to run in extremes--either too much rainfall or else too hot and dry. But the crop failures could not all be attributed to the weather.

The Amish colonists did not live in this settlement long until they found that a layer of reddish hardpan, often eighteen inches down, underlay most of their land. This hardpan would not let water through. In times of drouth no moisture could come to the surface; a heavy rain was like a deluge. The natives invariably had ponds for their cattle and cisterns for themselves. This, generally was their drinking water. A cistern dug in hardpan held water like a jug. The Amish also built ponds for their cattle but they did not drink cistern water themselves. Without much effort they dug wells and had good water from wells 23 to 150 feet deep.

This mild Missouri climate often changed to a very violent mood and frequently sent tornadoes twisting across their land and in some places even left death in its wake. At such times Missourians rushed to their caves; many colonists also built caves.

Concerning the religious life of the settlement there was always a great interest. John Zimmerman was their preacher from 1900 until after 1910; Bishop Noah Yoder was there from 1902 until about 1907 or '08; E. C. Beachy was ordained in 1906 and was there until the last family moved away in 1917. Among the visiting ministers were J. M. Kreider, A. C. Good, Fred Gingerich, C. D. Esch--missionary to India, Menno Esch, W. K. Miller, Bishop Jacob Swartzendruber, and others. Sunday school superintendents at different times were the following: J. D. Guengerich, J. C. Gingerich, Moses Nafziger, John (K.) S. Yoder, Shem Swartzendruber, Joe Overholt, and D. C. Esch. No attendance record was kept of their services as they were usually all present but if any were absent they were really missed. Most of the time there were around thirteen families. Neighboring Missourians indicated that they would like to attend if the English language was used. However, even where attendance and interest is high there may not be complete harmony. There was some controversy concerning the use of the telephone which a few of the Amish had in their homes.

Church problems were not the main factors in causing the settlement to dissolve. There were more important causes: crop failures, unfavorable weather conditions, blood ties in other places, perhaps deaths, poor hospital and medical facilities, and others too subtle to relate. And so around 1913 the people began to move away. Some went to Kansas; Some to Iowa; some to Stark Co., Ohio, and some to Huron Co., Mich.; until in 1916 only two families remained, E. C. Beachy's and D. C. Esch's. In the spring of 1917 the last members of the colony left amid hearty farewells and tears from their Missouri friends.

Even today as the casual stranger travels through this part of Audrain County, Missouri he will still see the large barns and farm homes--rather poorly preserved--that mark the place where an Amish Mennonite settlement thrived for the most of nineteen years, and it may stir the heart to know that their culture and influence are more lasting and enduring in the lives of their former neighbors than are their material monuments.

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certain localities; the uncertainty, and sometimes absolute impossibility, of growing some kinds of fruit.--all these tell of rapid decline and old age of the world, which is to immediately precede the second coming of our Lord.

The causes of crop failures are not always the same. Sometimes it is failure in vitality of old mother earth herself; sometimes it is lack of proper rains; and sometimes it is the invasion of insect enemies to vegetation. During the last few years, scores of new insect pests have arisen, at times practically exterminating some of the products of the soil that were previously abundant. The scourage of the locust and the grasshopper has been felt in many of our grain-producing States. The prophet Joel says of them: "The land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness." Joel 2:3.

Professor Riley says, in the International Encyclopedia: "Insignificant individually, but mighty collectively, locusts fall upon a country like a plague or blight. The harvest is at hand; the day breaks with a smiling sun, and all the earth seems glad. . . . The morrow comes; the fertile land of promise and plenty has become a desolate waste."

Greater destruction to agriculture is predicted for the future. "That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten. . . . Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. . . . The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate. . . . The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness." Joel 1:4-20.

To the Bible student the events transpiring around us are significant, and point to the day near at hand when the earth and the things that are therein "shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed." Heb. 1:11,12.

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so with you also. A bushel of wheat costs 3 shillings and 9 cents, rye and corn 3 shillings. Money has become scarce, and places that are at some distance from markets can scarcely get any money at all, so that the crops cannot be sold for money. During the many years that Germany was suffering from the effects of war⁹ and thousands died on account of it, America was able to sell almost everything for high prices, and an insatiable spirit seized the land and people could not get enough land to buy, as a result of which the prices went up tremendously, for both buildings and farms as well. In the last years however prices dropped just as severely as they rose, and it is unbelievable how many of those who were supposed to be among the wealthiest have come to nothing and have had to sell everything, while others have lost 1,000, 10,000 and 500,000 dollars, and these are farmers with whom I am acquainted. Others who did not speculate loaned money to those who did, and now they have lost their money. But Providence knows what is best. I know of a number who had to sell their farms to pay debts and did not receive as much for them as the houses had cost. I thought to myself, if only the good people had read and obeyed the beautiful hymn number 2 in the appendix, "O, hear the sweet . . ."

So much from your indebted and loving friend and brother,

Martin Möllinger.

⁹ The Napoleonic Wars.

HISTORY OF THE OLD ORDER AMISH OF SOMERSET COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

By Noah Wengerd (Fourth of a series)

At the time of the split our leaders were Bishop Joseph J. Yoder and Minister Noah M. Yoder, son of Bishop Mose D. Yoder. Joe was ordained Minister in 1915 and Bishop in 1929. They being Yoders, we are called the Yoder Church. Mose D. Yoder was still living at that time and was a great help. Bishop David Yoder of Dover, Delaware came in to help when needed, especially with communion before Joseph Yoder was ordained bishop.

In 1953 the Beachy Church voted to build a church building for their own. As they held evening meetings they wanted lights and more room. Both sides agreed and they appraised the two church properties including horse stables. The Old Order Amish paid the Beachy Church one half of the appraised value.

The Beachy group built a brick church house. For burial of relatives we could use their cemetery or they could use ours, that is to be free choice. Alvin M. Beachy, ordained bishop, moved to Indiana after a few years with the Beachy Church. Later he came back here again and died with the Old Order Amish.

The interior of the church houses are plain with no paint on benches or walls. The windows are painted white and the outside is all white.

As time went on and there were more people it was decided we need to divide, so now we have the North District known as Summit Mills and the South District known as Niverton. We have services every two weeks and they have services the other every two weeks. Bennie A. Yoder is the Niverton Bishop. In 1957 Albert Brenneman was ordained Minister and in 1966 Bishop. Ministers are Noah J. Yoder and Wilmer A. Yoder. Niverton Ministers are Bennie A. Fisher, Noah B. Fisher and Ray Kinsinger.

Times have changed and I can see many changes in our group. Of course hard surfaced roads took our heavier horses off the road and more and more small driving horses are coming in which makes for more speed. Farms are hard to get and high in price. Therefore more young men are going into carpentry. Some seem to think this should not be. Well, Joseph was a carpenter and Jesus learned the carpenter trade. So why is it wrong?

There would be more to write and maybe I will at a later date.

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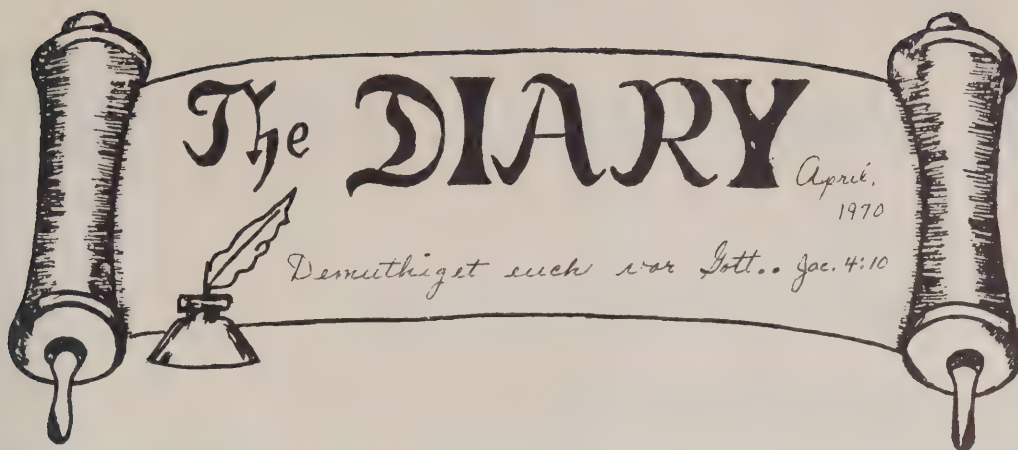
By L. Glen Guengerich

The Amish Mennonite Colony in Audrain County, Missouri, lasted nineteen years. The idea of establishing such a colony was born in the pioneering minds of three Mennonite brethren, viz., Jacob D. Guengerich (1843-1926), John C. Gingerich (1846-1929), and John B. Miller (1844-1929), all of Johnson County, Iowa. Their purposes for establishing a new colony were twofold: (1) to find cheaper land so that their children could more easily establish homes of their own, and (2) to keep their Amish Mennonite faith and Christian heritage intact.

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Accordingly, in the fall of 1897 three brethren, J. D. Guengerich, J. C. Gingerich (brothers-in-law) and John B. Miller, drove south into Missouri a distance of about two hundred miles, making the trip with horse and buggy and averaging around seventy miles per day. They prospected in various localities and found a seemingly favorable location near Centralia, in Audrain Co., Mo., a pleasing, level country, mostly occupied by farmers who had come from Kentucky and Virginia. Here, too, land was comparatively cheap, ranging in price from \$20.00 to \$40.00 per acre while in Iowa at the same time land was selling from \$40.00 to \$75.00 per acre. Besides, these Missouri farmers appeared to be slipshod and careless in their farming methods and some had a peculiar inclination for doing things the easiest and shortest way. For example, they plowed very shallow; some planted the same field in corn for years and then let it rest for a year; many made little round stacks of hay in the field so that the stock would run all over the field to eat and manure hauling would thus be eliminated; one farmer got rid of the manure by piling it in the corn crib. Some did not even go to this bother, as one settler said, and made their mules almost stand on their heads. Two of the prospectors, Guengerich and Gingerich, evidently were of the opinion that more thrifty farming methods might change this aspect into a more fruitful land.

Therefore, in the spring of 1898 three Iowa families --J. C. Gingerich, V. V. Swartzentruber and Elmer J. Guengerich--moved down and located near Rowena, Mo. Swartzentruber bought a farm; the others rented, but later bought farms near



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LANCASTER CO. PA. MAN DIED OF A HEART ATTACK

Benjamin G. Lantz, 63, Gordonville R1, Pa. apparently tried to burn some brush behind the barn on Monday forenoon, April 6. Evidently he thought it might get out of control and went for water. according to the doctor he collapsed while trying to douse the fire. The flames spread to where his body lay and his clothes caught fire. He was found lying on his back with his hands folded on his chest. Most of his clothes were burned off except on his back where he lay on. His hair weren't burned and he still had his shoes on. He had second degree burns on his body but death was due to a heart attack as there were no signs of a struggle. There was no viewing. Church was there the day before and he helped to carry the benches out and put things in place on Monday morning.

He was born February 22, 1907 and was ordained Deacon in April, 1952. He was a son of the late Benjamin L. and Mary (Lapp) Lantz and was married on November 6, 1935 to Annie K. King. He is survived by 2 children, Rebecca K. and David P. Lantz both of Gordonville R1; also 4 grandchildren. Funeral services were held by Sylvan Stoltzfus and John Stoltzfus; Hymn read by Moses Lapp; Burial in Myers Cemetery.

TOMBSTONE ENGRAVER DIED AT AGE 84

Dea. Henry K. Beiler, Leola R1, aged 84 years and 2 months, died at his home Sunday morning, April 26. His wife, Lydia (Miller) Beiler, died in 1953. He was born in Upper Leacock Twp., a son of the late Abram and Susie (King) Beiler, and was a retired farmer. The following children survive: Solomon M.; Christian S.; Annie, wife of Jesse Stoltzfus; Aaron S. and Moses M. all of Leola; Susie, wife of Daniel Zook, Kinzers R1; Enos M., Bird-in-Hand R1; Levi M., Rebersburg; Isreal M., Christiana R1; also 65 grandchildren; 75 great grandchildren and a brother, Amos L. Beiler, Narvon R2. At the funeral services opening was by Amos S. Beiler; main sermon by Bishop Aaron Esh, Timotheum 4, verses 1 through 9; Hymn by Lloyd Beiler, "Mein Lebensfaden Lauft Zu Ende;" Hymn at the grave by Abram S. Beiler "Gute Nacht, Ihr Meine Lieben;" Benediction by Daniel K. King; Burial in Myers Cemetery.

In recent years Henry marked most of the tombstones for the Amish in Lancaster County. In the 1940s he started marking them for Christian Fisher who made the stones from his stone quarry. Later he got them from Bareville Concrete Works, where they make the big concrete rough boxes, and had Harry Sensenich make them for him. All the tools he used were stencils and little chisels to cut out the initials. His son Aaron took over the work a few years ago.

DEACON DIED AFTER COMMUNION SERVICES

Deacon Jacob S. Stoltzfus, 54, Christiana R1, Pa. died on Sunday evening, April 26 after attending Communion Services that day. They had walked to their son Christs where he had a heart attack and died. (See obituary)

The above 3 Deacons died in a month's time. The latter 2 in one day.

Nun mein Sitz in gegen stand Bleibet jetzt fur ein anderer leer
 Gott wird euch ein anderer senden, Fallt das Amt ihm Gleich wol schwer
 Doch die stell mus sein besetzt, Das die herd bleibt unferletzed
 Und versorget sind die armen Das doch keiner machte darben.

Erwahlet

BOY INJURED IN VIRGINIA

Simon, 15, son of Rufus Beachy, Staunton, Virginia was injured in a tractor accident April 15. The tractor turned over pinning him beneath. Xrays showed 14 broken ribs and a fractured collarbone. He is recovering at Waynesboro Community Hospital.



"Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen."
Matth 10:14



BIRTHS

Buchanan County, Iowa

Mullet, Vernon (Rachel Stutzman) Fairbanks, a son EDWIN RAY, April 24
Yoder, Henry L. (Ruby Gingerich) Hazleton, a son VERNON, April 15

Arthur, Illinois

Deiner, Levi (Laura Herschberger) twins IRMA and IRA, March 5
Gingerich, Morris (Katie Miller) a STILLBORN SON, March 31
Herschberger, Edwin (Katie Hostetler) a daughter CAROL ANN, April 12
Herschberger, Monroe (Mary Stutzman) a daughter IRMA LOUISE, in April
Kauffman, Felty (Clara Miller a son LEROY, March 28
Otto, William (Dorothy Gingerich) a daughter ROSANNA, April 23
Stutzman, Clarence (Anna Kauffman) a daughter SARAH MARIE, April 10

Daviess County, Indiana

Graber, Dan (Laura Wagler) a son GALEN GLENN, March 22
Graber, Henry (Vera Wagler) a daughter VIOLA, April 13
Graber, Ora (Mary Graber) twins DAVID and DINAH, May 1
Knepp, Paul (Martha Lengacher) a daughter MARLA LYNN, March 28
Knepp, Wilmer (Naomi Wagler) a son LESTER, April 17
Raber, Herbert (Geneva Wittmer) a son LAVERNE RAY, March 31
Stoll, Levi (Paulene Graber) a daughter JOSEPHINE, April 20
Wagler, Glenn (Ida Knepp) a daughter BARBARA JEAN, April 5
Wagler, Henry (Sarah Catherine Lengacher) a daughter LILA RUTH, April 11

LaGrange County, Indiana

Bontrager, Joseph (Judith Jones) Shipshewana R1, a son FREEMAN J., April 3
Bontrager, Samuel (Wilma Miller) a daughter MARY, March 28
Chupp, Vernon (Mattie Bontrager) a son DAVID D., April 26
Fry, Felty (Katie Schlabach) Topeka R2, a son ERVIN in March
Fry, Wilbur (Ada Mae Knepp) Topeka R1, a daughter MARIETTA W., April 13
Hochstetler, Jacob (Inez Miller) LaGrange R4, a daughter ROSE ANN, April 6
Hochstetler, Wesley (Mary Hochstetler) LaGrange R4, a son ANDY W., January 3
Mast, Amos (Alma Schrock) a son ANDREW WAYNE, April 1
Miller, Christ (Esther Beachy) Topeka R1, a son PERRY C., April 17
Miller, Leo (Lydia Lorene Eash) Middlebury R1, a son JACOB L., April 4
Miller, Levi (Dorothy Yoder) Topeka R2, a son PAUL EUGENE, February 21
Miller, Ora (Susie Yoder) Wolcottville R2, a daughter MABEL S., January 2
Miller, Orla L. (Vera Mullet) Topeka R1, a son MERLE RAY, April 20
Miller, Ora L. (Ella Lehman) Topeka R2, a daughter MARY ALICE, April 3
Miller, Perry (Alice Hochstetler) Topeka R2, a son DANIEL, January 28
Mast, Amos (Alma Schrock) Topeka R2, a son ANDREW WAYNE, April 1
Knepp, John (Elizabeth Miller) Shipshewana R1, a son MARLIN DUANE, March 29
Petersheim, Orva (Edith Stutzman) Topeka R1, a daughter MARY RUTH, April 5
Schrock, Harvey (Anna Beachy) a son DELMAR, March 23
Yoder, Daniel (Elmina Otto) Shipshewana R1, a son PHILLIP D., April 18
Yoder, Daniel (Mary Lehman) Middlebury R1, a son DANIEL JR., April 14
Yoder, Elmer (Martha Bontrager) Ligionier R3, a daughter _____ April 19
Yoder, John (Katie Miller) a son MAHLON, April 9
Yoder, Lloyd (Luella Bontrager) a daughter LA VERDA JEAN in March
Yoder, Perry Jay (Amanda Bontrager) Wolcottville R2, a daughter CAROLYN KAY, January 1
Yoder, William (nattie Bontrager) Topeka R1, a son DANNY W., April 26
Chupp, Vernon (Mattie Bontrager) Shipshewana R2, a son DAVID, April 21
Schwartz, Jake (Ruth Wickey) LaGrange R4, a daughter BETH ANN, April 16
Schrock, Harvey (Anna Mae Beechy) Topeka R2, a son DELMAR, March 23
Yoder, John Jay (Katie Marie Miller) LaGrange R4, a son MAHLON J., April 9

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Brenneman, Joe E. (Edna Yoder) a daughter NANCY, April 15
Brenneman, Noah E. (Esther Yoder) a son ELI DANIEL, April 20
Yoder, Kore (Annie Brenneman) a son HENRY ELI, April 9

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Holmes County, Ohio

Hershberger, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin S., Fredericksburg, a daughter, April 8
 Hershberger, Mr. and Mrs. Ben, Millersburg, R2, a son, March 31
 Kauffman, Mr. and Mrs. Ben D., Fredericksburg R2, a son, March 27
 Mast, Mr. and Mrs. Aden D., Applecreek R1, a son, April 20
 Mast, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E., Applecreek R2, a son, April 12
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Dan J., Dundee R2, a son, April 8
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Eli H., Millersburg R5, Star Route, a daughter, in April
 Raber, Mr. and Mrs. Paul J., Millersburg R4, a daughter, April 8
 Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin B., Millersburg Star Route, a daughter, March 28
 Wengard, Mr. and Mrs. George E., Fredericksburg, a son, April 18
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. David, Orrville, a son, March 30
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Eli M., Applecreek R2, a daughter, April 18

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Lapp, Jacob M. (Mary Wengard) a son JONAS, April 4

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Byler, Jacob (Nannie Yoder) Belleville, Star Route, twins ROBERT and RACHEL, March 31
 Peight, Henry (Hannah Kanagy) Belleville, a son JONATHAN, April 21

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Esh, Amos A. (Leah King) Ronks R1, a daughter EMMA, April 14
 Fisher, Amos E. (Rachel Lapp) Ronks R1, a daughter BARBARA, April 13
 Fisher, Bennie L. (Emma S. King) Paradise R1, a daughter REBECCA K., April 9
 Fisher, Daniel K. (Annie Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3, a daughter RACHEL, April 7
 Fisher, David S. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Ronks R1, a daughter ANNIE S., April 11
 Fisher, Elmer S. (Katie E. Glick) 2623 Old Phila. Pike, Bird-in-Hand, a son DAVID G., April 21
 Fisher, Jacob M. (Arie Glick) 2444 Creek Hill Road, Lancaster, a son CHRISTIAN, April 24
 Glick, Daniel M. (Barbara R. King) Lititz R3, a son ELI K., April 24
 Glick, Henry M. (Salome E. Fisher) 2003 Penwick Road, Lancaster, a son JOHN M., April 28
 King, Amos K. (Rachel S. Fisher) 352 Gridley Road, Lancaster, a son MARVIN JAY, April 17
 King, Gideon K. (Barbara S. Glick) Gap R1, a son STEVIE G., April 30
 King, Jacob K. (Barbara Z. Beiler) Willow Street R1, a son DAVID B., April 9
 Lantz, Levi J. (Sadie King) Gordonville R1, a daughter MARTHA, April 3
 Lapp, Aaron E. (Mattie S. Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son DANIEL S., April 24
 Miller, Benjamin (Arie K. Glick) Quarryville R3, a daughter ANNIE G., April 15
 Miller, Ephraim (Emma Esh) 2455 Bachman Road, Lancaster, a son DANIEL E., April 23
 Petersheim, Moses (Rachel Glick) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter PRISCILLA, April 29
 Riehl, Moses (Sylvia Esh) Gordonville R1, a son STEVIE E., April 27
 Stoltzfoos, Paul B. (Anna F. Lapp) New Holland R2, a son VERNON April 28
 Stoltzfus, Aquilla R. (Anna Mary Stoltzfus) Leola R1, a son AQUILLA JR., April 19
 Stoltzfus, Benjamin B. (Elizabeth K. Stoltzfus) 210 Wilmington Rd. Coatesville, a son DAVID, April 7
 Stoltzfus, Benueel L. (Rebecca P. Fisher) Leola R1, a son ALVIN F., April 14
 Stoltzfus, Jacob K. (Lydia Zook) Quarryville R3, a son HENRY Z., April 21 (Died April 22)
 Stoltzfus, John M. (Barbara E. Fisher) 77 East Main St., Leola, a daughter MATTIE, April 10
 Stoltzfus, Roy L. (Emma K. Petersheim) Leola R1, a son ISAAC P., April 15
 Stoltzfus, Samuel S. (Katie Lapp) Gordonville R1, a son GIDEON LEROY, April 26
 Zook, John K. (Lydia Stoltzfus) Ronks R1, a son STEPHEN S., April 16

BAPTISMS

LaGrange County, Indiana

April 19, in Dave Bontrager district, Levi, son of Jonas L. and Mary (Fry) Weaver.
 April 19, in Melvin H. Miller district, Lizzie, dau of Henry C. and Susan (Knepp) Yoder.

MARRIAGES

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

April 16, Widower David B. Fisher, Christiana R1, and Rebecca K. Stoltzfus, Oxford R1, daughter of Jephtha and the late Anna M. Stoltzfus, by David L. Riehl, Kirkwood, Pa.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Ben, son of John N. and Elizabeth (Beiler) Kinsinger and Emma, daughter of Milt N. and Sadie (Summy) Beachy, April 7 by Bishop Albert Brenneman

Holmes County, Ohio

Levi E. Raber, Baltic R1 and Emma L. Miller, Millersburg R3
 Andy M. Shetler, Fredericksburg R1 and Emma L. Hilty, Holmesville R1
 Ivan, son of Mose Yutzys and Edna, daughter of Milo M. Yoders
 Henry Stutzman, Coshocton and Susie A. Troyer, Baltic R1
 March 12, Andy, son of Mrs. Henry Weaver and Fannie, daughter of Dan D. Masts
 March 19, Roy, son of David H. Yoder and Emma, daughter of Sol M. Yoders
 March 31, John, son of Jonas J. Hershberger and Lydia, daughter of Deacon Roy Millers
 April 2, Wayne, son of Em. S. Hershbergers and Ella, dau of Bishop Henry J. Millers
 April 9, Christ, son of Emanuel J. Millers and Lovina, daughter of Bert R. Millers



April 16, Jacob Yoder Jr. and Anna, daughter of Bishop Amos Millers

April 16, Eli, son of Levi J.P. Millers and Alma daughter of Pre. John D. Millers

April 25, Aden, son of Simeon Schlabach and Lydian daughter of Eli I. Rabers

April 30, Wallace, son of Wallace Detweilers and Susie, daughter of Mose Kauffman

May 7, Marty, son of Jonas Hostetters and Susie, daughter of Elmer Troyers

Daviess County, Indiana

Alvin, son of Bishop Levi Grabers and Ida, daughter of Noah L. Grabers, April 16 by Bishop Levi Graber

Buchanan County, Iowa

David, son of John and Katie (Helmuth) Fairbank and Katie, daughter of Bishop Atlee and Sarah (Mast) Shetler, Fairbank, April 21 by Bishop Levi J. Bontrager

Lloyd, son of Joe F. and Alma (Bontrager) Bontrager, Hazleton and Lizzie, daughter of Dan and Lydia (Miller) Kauffman, Fairbank, April 23 by Bishop Levi J. Bontrager

Arthur, Illinois

Widower Joe Graber and Katie E. Yoder, March 19

Wilmer, son of Joe and Amanda (Otto) Yoder and Ella, daughter of Joas and Barbara (Schrock) Herschberger, April 9

LaGrange County, Indiana

Perry, son of Tobias L. and the late Lydia (Miller) Yoder and Anna Marie, daughter of Ammon and Ida (Miller) Beechy, April 2

Amos, son of Yost and Katie (Herschberger) Lehman and Ruby Carolyn, daughter of Moses N. and Emma (Lehman) Miller, April 2 by Eli S. Lehman

Henry, son of Levi J.S. and Annie (Mast) and Ida Anna, daughter of Elton and Elizabeth (Hochstetler) Miller, April 9

John, son of Katie (Hochstetler) and the late Amos Yoder and Mary Lou, daughter of Orus and Clara (Schrock) Bender, April 9

Mahlon, son of Nora and the late Joe Wingard and Esther, daughter of Lewis and Mary (Mast) Troyer, April 16

Samuel L., son of Levi J. and Mary (Bontrager) Schrock and Martha R., daughter of Reuben and Mary (Mast) Bontrager, April 30

ORDINATIONS

Arthur, Illinois

Eli, 27, son of Fred Schlabaugh was ordained a minister, March 27 in Menno Miller North District. With him in the lot were Henry Schrock, Willie Mast, Willard Gingerich, Alva Miller, Merle Gingerich and Eli Beachy.

Levi J., 31, son of John Herschberger was ordained a minister, March 29 in John Herschberger District. With him in the lot were Sam Miller, Omer Miller, Dannie Otto, Milt Yoder, Fred Schrock, Harve Schrock, Roman Burkholder and Ben Miller.

Levi, 30, son of Joe D. Yoder was ordained a minister, April 4 in Chris Otto South District. With him in the lot were Levi Otto, Levi Schrock and Eli Gingerich.

William, 38, son of Joe B. Schrock was ordained a minister in Menno Miller South District, April 5. With him in the lot were Leff Schrock, Enos Deiner, Ivan Plank Ervin Schrock and Harvey Miller.

Harvey, 24, son of Levi Chupp was ordained a minister, April 12 in Chris Otto North District. With him in the lot were Jonas Schrock, Reuben Chupp, Amos Otto and Albert Helmuth.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Christy E. Yoder, 25, was ordained Deacon in Amos U. Miller district on April 26. He is the son of Ezra A. Yoder and is married to Marlene Miller

St. Mary's County, Maryland

Christian M. Swarey, 46, was ordained a minister on April 2 in East District. He is a son of Pre. Isreal Swarey, his wife, Lydia is a daughter of the late Pre. Benjamin and Lydia Stoltzfus. With him in the lot were Samuel J. Stoltzfus, Gideon Stoltzfus, Bennie Swarey, Daniel Beiler, Levi Stoltzfus, Amos Stoltzfus, Daniel U. Stoltzfus and Daniel M. Stoltzfus.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Christ K. Swarey, 38, was ordained a deacon, April 5 in South District. He is a son of Christ Swarey of Allensville, his wife, Alta is a daughter of Christ Byler, Geauga Co. O.

Lancaster County Diener Fersammlung

was held at the home of Bishop David Riehl on April 20. Around 182 were present, 4 were absent.



*Gott.. hat dich verordnet, das du seinen
willen erkennen soltest.. Apost. 22:14*

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

John L. Stoltzfus, 52, was ordained Bishop, April 25 in South Groffdale District. He is a son of Fannie and the late John Stoltzfus, his wife, Rachel is a daughter of Isaac and the late Barbara King. With him in the lot was his brother Stephen L. Stoltzfus.

Elam Kauffman, 41, was ordained Bishop, April 30 in South Honey Brook District. He is a son of the late John and Fannie Kauffman, his wife, Sadie is a daughter of John and Sarah King. With him in the lot were Amos L. Stoltzfus and Levi Riehl.

Benjamin F. Beiler, 45, was ordained a minister, April 24 in South Middle Pequea District. He is a son of the late Christian F. and Annie Beiler, his wife Annie is a daughter of Fannie and the late Amos S. Fisher. With him in the lot were Abram Lapp, Jacob Fisher, Levi Esh, Amos Esh, Samuel Esh, John Fisher, Aaron Fisher and Amos King.

Enos Esh, 47, was ordained a minister, April 30 in North Middle Pequea District. He is a son of Daniel and the late Emma Esh, his wife Emma is a daughter of Emma and the late Jonas Stoltzfus. With him in the lot were Daniel Fisher, Christian M. Fisher, Bennie Fisher, Elmer Fisher, Jacob Esh, Daniel Esh, Jonas Smoker, Samuel Smoker and Amos King.

Amos Zook, 29, was ordained a minister, May 1 in Lower Pequea South East District. He is a son of Moses and Sarah Zook, his wife, Sadie is a daughter of John and Rebecca Lapp. With him in the lot were B. John Stoltzfus, John Lapp, Alvin Lapp, Jacob Beiler, Reuben Allgyer, Leroy Stoltzfus, David Blank and John Riehl.

Jacob King, 35, was ordained a minister, May 1 in Lower Millcreek West District. He is a son of Bishop Amos E. and Sadie King, his wife, Emma is a daughter of Pre. Benuel and Susie Stoltzfus. With him in the lot were Daniel Fisher, Amos Lapp, Elias King, Eli R. King, Elam King, Bennie Fisher, Amos King and Henry Zook.

OBITUARIES

Fehr, Isaak, son of Isaak and Anna (Reimer) Fehr, Aylmer, Ontario, Canada died April 22. He was born June 22, 1966, aged 3 years and 10 months.

Fisher, Sallie, wife of Stephen K. Fisher, Honey Brook, Pa., aged 79 yr., 4 mo., 11 da.

died unexpectedly, April 22 at 2 A.M. of dropsy of the heart of which she was troubled with the last 3 years. She was born in East Lampeter Twp., a daughter of the late Henry and Rebecca Lapp Zook. In addition to her husband she is survived by these children, Miss Katie and Miss Malinda, Honey Brook R1, Katie, wife of Abner Beiler, Gordonville R1; Aaron K., of Strasburg R1, Elias M., Lancaster; Levi, Ronks R1; Mary, wife of Rondal Peters, Elizabethton, Tenn., and Sarah, wife of Larry D. Zook, Paradise; 17 grandchildren; and 3 great grandchildren. She was the last of her immediate family.

Brief funeral services were held at the home Friday, 8 A.M. by Sam Fisher, Hymn read by Dan L. Stoltzfus, "Ich Weis Mir Ein Ewiges Himmelreich." Main services were held at the home of a neighbor, Dan U. Stoltzfus at 9 o'clock; Opening by Bennie A. Fisher, Somerset Co.; Main sermon by John F. Glick, script Rev. 7:9-17; Hymn "Freu Dich Sehr, O Meine Seele," by Levi E. Stoltzfus. At graveside, Hymn "Nun Bringen Wir Den Leib Zu Ruh" by Dea. Dan U. Stoltzfus, benediction by Sam Fisher, burial in Masts Cemetery.

Graber, Joseph L., 55, Loogootee R2, Indiana

died unexpectedly at the Daviess county hospital at 12:50 p.m. April 7 following an illness of a few hours. He was born September 2, 1914 in Daviess County, a son of the late Noah and Rebecca (Lengacher) Graber. He is survived by his wife Lydia, whom he married Dec. 16, 1937. Other survivors include five sons, Amos L., Alva L., Ervin and Jerome Graber, all of Loogootee R2 and Henry R. Graber, Montgomery R1; three daughters, Misses Marie and Verda Graber, both of Loogootee R2 and Mrs. William (Nora) Knepp, Montgomery R1; 18 grandchildren; three brothers, Nicholas R., William R. and Simon R. Graber, all of Loogootee R2; four sisters, Mrs. Henry Graber Jr. and Mrs. Fred Graber, both of Cannelburg; Mrs. Fred D. Wagler, Loogootee R1, and Mrs. Ben E. Wagler, Montgomery. Burial was in Wagler Cemetery

King, Christian K., aged 83, Paradise R1, Pennsylvania

died Friday, April 17, in St. Joseph's Hospital, Lancaster. Born in Leacock Twp. a son of the late David S. and Mattie King King, he was a retired carpenter. His first wife, Sarah Stoltzfus King died in 1944. Surviving are his second wife, Barbara Stoltzfus King; 4 children, Catherine, wife of Elias R. Stoltzfus; David S., both of Paradise R1; Daniel M., Leola; and Tobias, Kinzers R1; also 25 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, and these brothers and sisters, Henry, Lebanon R1; Aaron, Bird-in-Hand R1, Samuel, Benjamin, Miss Annie and Miss Lydia, all of Gordonville R1. Funeral services were held by Samuel Stoltzfus and Gideon King, Hymn read by Elam Stoltzfus, Burial in Millwood Cemetery.

Mast, Eli J., 81 of Millersburg R5, Ohio

died April 14 in his home following a short illness. Born in Holmes County, a son of the late Jacob E. and Susan (Schlabach) Mast, he was a retired farmer. Surviving are his widow, the former Katie Shetler; 2 sons, Jacob of Millersburg R5, and Henry of Mammouth Spring, Ark.; 4 daughters, Mrs. Clarence (Lizzie) Miller, Mrs. Eli (Elma) Weaver and Mrs. Levi (Susan) Keim of Millersburg R5, and Mrs. Alvin (Mary Ann Kline of Millersburg Star Route; 2 brothers, Bishop Jacob J. Mast of Millersburg R5, and Mose J. Mast of Baltic R1; a sister, Mrs. Lizzie Burkholder of Nappanee, I. d.; 33 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren, and 3 foster grandchildren. Funeral services were held by Dan Schlabach, burial in Mast.

Mast, Ernest D. son of Delbert J. and Anna Marie (Bontrager) Mast, LaGrange R4, Indiana

died March 29, 3 hours after birth. Surviving are his parents, two brothers, two sisters, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Bontrager of Topeka and John M. Mast, LaGra.

Miller, David, aged 52 yr., 9 mo., 7 da., Mt. Elgin, Ontario, Canada

died at the home of his parents, Joni A. and Sarah (Bontrager) Miller after being sick for several days. He was single and was born June 30, 1917.

Miller, Dennis, aged 10, of Fredericksburg, Ohio

died at Wooster Community Hospital April 23 following a six weeks illness. He was born in Millersburg, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan R. Miller. Besides his parents he is survived by five brothers, David, James, Mark, Willis, and Wayne all at home, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Eli D. Schlabach, both of Fredericksburg R2. Funeral services were held by Raymond M. Miller, burial in Schlabach Cemetery.

Plank, Jacob J., aged 64 yr., 3 mo., 22 da., Arthur, Illinois

died April 6 a victim of cancer. He had the first operation in Jan. of 69, on Feb. 26, 1970 he was again taken to the hospital and had surgery. He suffered quite a bit and had convulsions several times but got better again for several days, then gradually went down but had a good mind and seemed to realize everything till just the last hours.

Stoltzfus, Jacob S., aged 54 y4., 1 mo., 12 da., Christiana R1, Pennsylvania

died Sunday, April 26 at 8:30 p.m. at the home of his son Christian. Death was caused by coronary thrombosis. Born in Caernervon Twp., a son of Samuel E. Stoltzfus and the late Annie S. Smucker Stoltzfus, he was a farmer. Surviving are his wife, Sadie B. Stoltzfus Stoltzfus; these children, Samuel S., Eli S., Daniel E., Jacob S., Aaron S., Christian S., all of Christiana R1; Benuel S., Bird-in-Hand R1; Sara B., Annie S., David S., Mary S., and John S., all at home. Also surviving are his father and his step-mother, Annie Petersheim Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1; three brothers, Eli S. Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1; Samuel M. Stoltzfus, Benjamin S. Stoltzfus, both of Christiana R1; a sister Mary S., wife of Aaron Glick, Bird-in-Hand R1; four step-brothers and one step-sister; David Petersheim Bird-in-Hand R1; Lydia, wife of B. John Stoltzfus, Gap R1; Levi Petersheim, Gordonville R1; and Christian Petersheim, Applecreek, Ohio. Funeral services were held by Samuel S. Kauffman and Jacob S. Smucker; Hymn read by Jonathan Z. Beiler; Burial in Fisher Cemetery.

Stoltzfus, Betsy K., aged 73, widow of Stephen Stoltzfus, New Holland R2, Pa.

died April 21 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. David L. Fisher, with whom she had resided the past 5 years. Born in Leacock Twp., she was a daughter of the late Amos K. and Katie King Stoltzfus. Her first husband, Samuel Petersheim and her second husband, Stephen Stoltzfus preceded her in death. She is survived by these children; Amos K. Petersheim, Narvon R2; Christian S. Petersheim, Gap R1; Katie, wife of Leroy Stoltzfus, Narvon R2; and Ruth, wife of David L. Fisher, New Holland R2; these step-children, Mrs. Katie Stoltzfus, Narvon R2; Amanda, wife of Elam K. Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R2; Leah, wife of Andrew Dienner, Gap R1; Christian Stoltzfus and Reuben Stoltzfus, both of Gordonville R1. Also surviving are 20 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; 32 step-grandchildren; a number of step-great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Jacob K. Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1; and Jonathan K. Stoltzfus, New Holland R2; and 2 sisters, Mrs. Katie Beiler, Supplee; and Rebecca, wife of Joel Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1. Brief funeral services were held at the house by Abner Smucker; Hymn "Mein Gott Die Sonne Geht Herfur" by Amos Lapp; Main funeral held in shop by Aaron Y. Beiler; main part by Sam F. Stoltzfus; Hymn "Hertzlich Thut Mich Verlangen" by Levi Kauffman; Hymn at graveside "Nun Bringen Wir Den Leib Zu Ruh" by Dea. John Y. Beiler, benediction by Samuel King; Burial in Myers Cemetery.

Stoltzfus, Henry Z., Infant son of Jacob K. and Lydia B. Zook Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3, Pa.

died April 22 at General Hospital. In addition to his parents he is survived by two sisters, Susie and Dora, both at home; two brothers, Jephtha and Daniel, both at home; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jephtha Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3; and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel L. Zook, Kinzers R1;

Wingard, Levi J., aged 75, of Shipshewana R2, Indiana

died April 16. He was born in LaGrange County, October 31, 1894 and was married Jan. 30, 1915 to Amanda Christner who survives. Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. John Yoder of LaGrange, Mrs. Dan B. Bontrager and Mrs. Ervin Bontrager both of Shipshewana; a son Freeman of Topeka; 23 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Schrock of Topeka. Funeral services were held in the Henry Whetstone home by Bishop John Troyer of Shipshewana. Burial was in the Naylor Cemetery

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Farm Prices of 1895

10.00 cwt. of phosphate at \$25 a ton

I paid \$6.50 for 1 bushel clover seed.

From the Diary of C. L. Petersheim, Witmer, Pa.

The following account entitled "1868 Locust Year" is from an old farm ledger.

"The Locust made their appearance about the first week in June. They creep off the ground in the evening a little before sundown. During the night they crawl out of their shell. They sing "Pharoah" for about a month then disappear. They have either W or M on their wing. They proved to be dangerous of their sting by several persons."

Editor's note: Since this is the year of the 17 year Locust let's hear about them from various communities. Also send interesting articles about the locusts in previous years.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

East Intercourse area by Eli S. King

April was mostly cool, with much rainy, windy weather. On April 2nd we had heavy rains and high twister-like winds causing much damage in some areas by ripping off roofs, over turning trailers, etc. Mid-April was favorable for farming and planting gardens. The latter part of the month was cool and wet again, not much farming was done. Rainfall, 5.1 inches.

Bareville area by Levi L. Stoltzfus

There were 5.3 inches of rain in April. Some people claim it is the wettest April on record, but in 1964 we had 7.6 inches in April. Since December 1, 1969 we had 51 inches of snow and over 16 inches of rain and most of it went into the ground.

Fat Cattle, prime, \$33.00 cwt.; Feeders, 26.00 to 31.00; Yearlings, 38.00; Veal Calves, 54.00; Dairy Cows, first calf heifers out of New York State, \$310. to 450. each; Two cows brought \$500.00 each. Fat Hog market, \$25.00 to 27.00 cwt; Lambs, 36.00 cwt; Eggs, .37 a doz.; Alfalfa Hay, 44.00 to 60.00 a ton; Mixed Hay, 25.00 to 53.00 a ton; Straw, 40.00 to 50.00 a ton; Ear Corn up to \$42.00 a ton; Shelled Corn, 1.45 a bu.; Barley, 1.10 a bu.; Wheat, 1.48 a bu.; Potatoes, 3.20 to 4.00 cwt.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania by David Y. Renno

The weather during April was very wet and cold. Total precipitation for April was 6.03 inches, an excess of 2.97 inches for the month. Total for the year so far was 13.80 inches, an excess of 2.29 for the year. Cold weather prevailed until the 20th then the month ended in summer temperatures. Fruit trees are blooming 3 weeks later than normal. All foliage is late and farm work is weeks behind schedule. No oats were sown in April and some of the flat land farmers got no plowing done until May 1st. The first barn swallows were seen April 13th. A bright comet in the northeast was seen by many after 3 o'clock in the morning the first half of April. The Juniata River overflowed its banks on April 3rd but caused no damage. Streams and springs are still very high on May 1st. We had a very violent wind storm on April 4th with very little damage done.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania by Catherine M. Swarey

April came in rainy, got windy and turned into a storm. Trees were uprooted, barn roofs blown off and electricity was off. Those who depend on it to do their milking didn't get done till nearly dinner time. The barn of Deacon Amos K. Yoder had the west end blown in and almost all of the roof off. They have torn everything down to the barn floor. Plans are to build a new one. Also a few other barns were damaged quite badly, some trailer houses were blown over and upside down. On April 29th the barn was built again. Roofing finally arrived after waiting about 2 weeks for it. On April 6 and 7 it snowed but didn't last long. Most of last fall's fodder was taken in and shredded. After April 15 we had some very nice days, plowing and garden spading was done. Peas, potatoes, radishes and onions are growing. Some oats are sowed. The ground had lots of moisture. We had 3.7 inches of rain during April. We bought our next winter's porkers for \$22.00. Apricot and cherry trees are in full bloom.

St. Mary's County, Maryland by Amos R. Stoltzfus

April was WET with at least 5 inches of rain and scattered out over the month, enough to keep the farmers from plowing. Very little plowing has been done yet. Clover fields

look like a good crop of hay and barley is coming out in heads. Pastures are fine from the abundance of rain. Nature has come alive! Woods are green and the whip-poor-wills can be heard in the early mornings.

Somerset Co., Pennsylvania by Abe S. Kinsinger

We had very nice weather through April with around three inches of rain. Not much oats was sowed in April but a lot was sown the first two days in May. Grass is growing fast and cattle are seen out on pasture.

Holmes County, Ohio by David E. Miller

We are having nice weather at the present. On the 26th we had a temperature of 90. and clear all day. We were having lots of rain and cool weather till just lately. Pasture is late on account of cool nights and people are just starting to turn their cattle out into pasture. There is lots of oats to sow yet. Fruit trees are just starting to bud and are late too. Apricots and early cherries are blooming. Wheat looks good.

LaGrange, Indiana by Ervin D. Hochstetler

We had a snow storm the 1st and 2nd of April, the coldest was 26 degrees on the 3rd. The last frost was the 22nd. Total rainfall was 5.4 inches, the most in one day was 1.3 the 19th. The last week was like summer with temperatures in the eighties. Oats is about all sowed. Some of the fields are turning green.

Topeka, Indiana by Amos N. Miller

The first week in March we had three damp and foggy mornings, frost went out of the ground and was ideal sap running weather. The 2nd and 3rd weeks were colder, temperatures around freezing with wind and snow flurries. The 4th week, by Good Friday we had a snow storm, six inches of soft slush. Easter Sunday morning was cold, 14 degrees. Last days of March were warmer and sap was running again. We had very little rain all winter and the water level is going down. Livestock markets have been exceptionally high this winter. Hogs, 29¢; Steers, 32¢; Veal, 52¢. Hog market has been dropping off 1.00 per week and are 24¢ now. Milk has been steady at 4.55 cwt. for 4% milk.

On April 1st we had a snow storm. By the 5th the snow was gone and we had $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of rain. We had cool weather with rain until the 15th. After that light soils were dry enough that some plowing was done between showers. Some oats was sowed the week of the 20th but quite a bit of the heavier soils are still not sown. Field work is late but we had exceptionally warm temperatures the latter part of April. Lawns are being cut and legume grass is coming nicely. Wheat looks good.

Daviess County, Indiana by Lester Marner

We are having a very wet spring. Very little farming has been done. Garden things are up and pasture is very nice.

Arthur, Illinois by Menno A. Diener

The first few days were cool with a little snow then it was fair and warmer till the middle of the month. From then on till the last we had more than 6 inches of rain. Trees and grass look nice.

Hazleton, Iowa by Joe A. Yoder

April was a month of many windy days with a raw cold air, except the last week it really warmed up with a high temperature of 80 degrees. Because of very little moisture field work is well advanced and some corn is planted.

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada by Leroy Eichler

The last part of April was warm and dry with not much rain. Spring seems fairly early although at Mt. Elgin, 10 miles north, they are having more rain. Some oats has been sown and about everyone is working the ground now.

James Stoll moved on April 22 from Aylmer, Ont. to within 15 miles of Meadville, Pa.

THE LITTLE THINGS

It isn't just the mighty things
That come once in a while,
But unexpected little things
That ease the weary mile.

It does not take a pot of gold,
In fact no wealth at all;
Just give a little of yourself--
You'll find you're twice as tall.

Neil McLean

From SUNSHINE Magazine

LOYALTY

Today is my day.
My day to do the things I should,
My day to help, if I but would,
My day to list to no falsehood,
Today is my day.

Today is my day.
My day to think a kindly thought,
My day not to be overwrought,
My day to act as I was taught,
Today is my day.

From SUNSHINE Magazine

TO OUR REPORTERS:

We have plans to add a "Senior Sunshine" page to THE DIARY (perhaps in May or June) listing our older members who were born in 1890 or before. We would like to have a list of those in your community. Anything else you may wish to add will be considered.

compiled by a minister of this area. SK.

1970

CHURCH DISTRICT MAP

DOVER, DEL.

SOUTHERN WEST

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DIRECTORY TO MAP OF DOVER, DELAWARE

EAST DISTRICT

1. (B) John J. Yoder (Jonas I. 3 S) -----	Lavina Bontrager (Ezra M.) 1 E
1. Ezra M. Bontrager (Manas dec.) -----	Savilla Yoder dec.
2. (M) Neil N. Hershberger (Neil I. dec.) -----	Emma J. Yoder (John J. 8 M)
3. (M) Elmer J. Yoder (Jonas I. 3 S) -----	Mary Stutzman (Jake G. 8 M)
4. (D) Daniel B. Mast (Yost D. dec.) -----	Sadie Miller (Samuel A. Cattlet, Va.)
4. Elmer H. Miller (Henry E. 2 SW) -----	Katie Mast (Daniel B. 4 E)
5. Alfred D. Troyer (David dec.) -----	Effie Mast (Daniel S. 5 E)
5. Daniel S. Mast (Simon dec.) -----	Anna Yutzy dec., Emma Byler dec.
6. Daniel H. Byler (Henry dec.) -----	Lena Byler (Jonathan dec.)
7. Jonas I. Miller (Isaac dec.) -----	Mattie Miller (Peter dec.)
7. Jonas L. Troyer (Levi M. Fredericksburg, O.)	Amanda Miller (Jonas I. 7 E)
8. Abraham S. Beachy (Sam dec.) -----	Barbara Yoder (Jacob S. dec.)
9. Andy A. Miller (Ammon H. dec.) -----	Katie Y. Mast (Yost D. dec.)
9. Barbara A. Miller (Andy A. 9 D) -----	
10. Eli H. Mast (Henry S. 5 M) -----	Katie Yoder (John J. 4 S)
10. Levi E. Mast (Eli H. 10 E) -----	Emma Beachy (Henry J. 8 S)
11. Lewis Swartzentruber (Simon-Oakland, Md.) --	Anna Swartzentruber (Norman C. 2 S)
12. Alva H. Beachy (Henry J. 8 S) -----	Barbara Yoder (Daniel A. 1 M)
13. William A. Beachy (Abe S. 8 E) -----	Ada Byler (Daniel H. 6 E)
14. Willis A. Stutzman (Andy 11 SW) -----	Rose Ann Zehr (Menno-New Haven, Indiana)
15. Herman J. Stutzman (Jacob G. 8 M) -----	Lydia Mae Byler (Andy W. 11 M)
16. Jonas Yoder Jr. (Jonas I. 3 S) -----	Fannie D. Yoder (Daniel E. 9 S)
17. William H. Miller (Henry E. 2 SW) -----	Martha Ann Troyer (Alfred D. 5 E)
18. Eli E. Mast (Eli H. 10 E) -----	Sarah N. Mast (Noah D. 11 N)
19. Joe H. Beachy (Henry J. 8 S) -----	Verna D. Yoder (Daniel E. 9 S)
20. Raymond T. Detweiler (Tobias J.-Jamesport, Mo)	Elsie A. Beachy Byler (Abraham S. 8 E)
21. Samuel S. Troyer (Simon S. 7 S) -----	Lizzie E. Mast (Eli H. 10 E)
22. Ammon D. Yoder (Daniel A. 1 M) -----	Ida Mae Miller (Rudy A.-Le Raysville, Pa.)
23. David D. Mast (Daniel B. 4 E) -----	Alta A. Byler (Andy W. 11 M)
24. Melvin A. Troyer (Alfred D. 5 E) -----	Sadie J. Mast (Jonas S.-Warren Center, Pa.)

SOUTH DISTRICT

1. (B) Eli S. Miller (John E. dec.) -----	Anna Byler dec., Lena Byler King dec.
1. (D) Mahlon E. Miller (Eli S. 1 S) -----	Lydia Yoder (Ira dec.)
2. (M) Norman C. Swartzentruber (Crist dec.) ---	Esther Schlabach (John dec.)
3. (M) Jonas I. Yoder (Ira dec.) -----	Mattie King (Milo dec.)
3. Noah J. Yoder (Jonas I. 3 S) -----	Elizabeth Byler (Andy R. 6 S)
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4. Henry J. Yoder (John J. 4 S) -----	Elsie Bender (David dec.)
5. Enos J. Yoder (Joe dec.) -----	Susie Miller (Amos dec.)
5. Henry A. Mast (Andy H. 6 SW) -----	Kathryn Beachy (Daniel J. dec.)
6. Andy R. Byler (Reuben dec.) -----	Gertie Miller (Ammon H. dec.)
6. John H. Miller (Henry E. 2 SW) -----	Esther A. Byler (Andy R. 6 S)
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8. Eva Miller (Phineas Yoder dec.) -----	Widow of Henry S. dec.
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14. Eli N. Swartzentruber (Norman C. 2 S) -----	Barbara Mast (Yost D. dec.)
14. Amanda Mast (Daniel Byler dec.) -----	Widow of Yost D. dec.
15. John S. Mast (Alvin D.-Jamesport, Mo.) -----	Elizabeth Miller (Andy A. 9 E)
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20. Allen A. Miller (Adam E. 12 S) -----	Mattie Byler (Adam H. 4 N)
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99S William A. Mast (Andrew H. 6 SW) -----	Emma Troyer (Simon S. 7 S)
23. Sam D. Miller (David dec.) -----	Anna C. Byler (Crist J. 11 S)
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25. Henry J. Mast (Jonas S.-Warren Center, Pa.) --	Barbara Yoder (Noah B. 7 M)
26. Henry Detweiler Jr. (Henry J. 10 S) -----	Barbara Ann Byler (Adam H. 4 N)
98S Henry S. Troyer (Simon S. 7 S) -----	Mary Byler (Adam H. 4 N)
28. Andy A. Miller Jr. (Andy A. 9 E) -----	Mary Yoder (Daniel A. 1 M)
29. Henry E. Swartzentruber (Eli N. 14 S) -----	Gertie Mast (Jonas S.-Warren Center, Pa.)

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1. (B)Jonas J. Coblentz (Joe dec.) -----	Lydia Miller (Daniel dec.)
1. Freeman Coblentz (Jonas 1 SW) -----	Anna Mary Byler (Jonathan dec.)
2. (M)Henry E. Miller (Eli S. 1 S) -----	Effie Shrock (Daniel dec.)
3. (D)Jacob N. Mast (Noah D. 11 N) -----	Amanda Miller (Andy A. 9 E)
4. Eli Chupp (John dec.) -----	Lydia Shrock (Noah dec.)
5. William E. Miller (Eli S 1 S) -----	Laura Mae Coblentz (Isaac dec.)
5. Manasses Slabaugh (Joe dec.) -----	Mary Slabaugh (Seth dec.)
6. Andrew H. Mast (Henry S. 5 M) -----	Sarah Miller (Eli S. 1 S)
7. Andrew J.D. Miller (Jonas dec.) -----	Lydia Troyer (Mose dec.)
8. John E. Miller (Eli S. 1 S) -----	Rhoda Yoder (Jake S. dec.)
9. Mahlon J. Miller (Joe-Middlefield, Ohio) ---	Iva Coblentz (Jonas J. 1 SW)
10. Joseph D. Byler (Daniel A. dec.) -----	Katie King (Stephen dec.)
11. Annie B. King (Menno Riehl dec.) -----	widow of Stephen dec.
12. Atlee Coblentz (Jonas J. 1 SW) -----	Lucy Miller (Benjamin dec.)
13. Elmer Coblentz (Mose-Stark Co., Ohio) -----	Mattie Coblentz (Jonas J. 1 SW)
14. Ammon J. Yoder (Jonas I. 3 S) -----	Elizabeth Yoder (Dan E. 9 S)
15. Mose Yoder (Dan E. 9 S) -----	Anna Mae Miller (William E. 5 SW)
16. William Ray Miller (Adam E. 12 S) -----	Miriam Coblentz (Jonas J. 1 SW)

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1. (M)Leroy J. Yoder (Jonas I. 3 S) -----	Mary S. Byler (Simon W.-Gorrie, Ontario)
2. (M)Henry D. Beachy (Dan J. dec.) -----	Sylvia D. Byler (Dan H. 6 E)
3. (D)John A. Yoder (Aaron A. dec.) -----	Rhoda Byler Bontrager (Valentine W. dec.)
4. Adam H. Byler (Henry A. dec.) -----	Saloma Yoder (Aaron A. dec.)
5. Jonas J. Hershberger (Joe dec.) -----	Lydia Miller (David B. dec.)
5. Atlee J. Hershberger (Jonas J. 5 N) -----	Emma Hostetler (Joe-Jamesport, Mo.)
6. Henry Y. Mast (Yost D. dec.) -----	Miriam Gingerich (Jacob dec.)
7. Rudy S. Byler (Simon W.-Gorrie, Ontario) ---	Lydia Byler (Andy R. 6 S)
8. Reuben A. Byler (Andy R. 6 S) -----	Emma Byler (Simon W.-Gorrie, Ontario)
9. Jacob J. Yoder (John J. 4 S) -----	Mattie Hershberger (Levi S dec.)
10. Neal A. Byler (Adam H. 4 N) -----	Rosa Byler (Andy R. 6 S)
11. Noah D. Mast (David dec.) -----	Anna Mast (Jake Eash dec.)
11. Elmer N. Mast (Noah D. 11 N) -----	Fannie Yoder (Andy M. 10 M)
12. Adlia N. Mast (Noah D. 11 N) -----	Amanda Yoder (Dan E. 9 S)
13. Jonas N. Mast (Noah D. 11 N) -----	Clara Mast (Eli H. 10 E)
14. Eli J. Miller (John E. 8 SW) -----	Alta Mast (Noah D. 11 N)
15. Adam M. Miller (Manilius A. 12 M) -----	Sadie Miller (Levi dec.)
16. John H. Beachy (Henry J. 8 S) -----	Sadie Byler (John J. 2 M)
17. Henry A. Byler (John J. 2 M) -----	Alma Byler (Simon W.-Gorrie, Ontario)
18. Henry E. Yoder (Elmer N.-St. Marys, Ont.) --	Mary Mast (Eli H. 10 E)
19. Daniel B. Miller (Andy A. 9 E) -----	Mary Ann Miller (Dan D. dec.)
20. Eliza Miller (Yost Yoder dec.) -----	widow of Dan D. dec.
20. Ervin King (John M. dec.) -----	Polly Miller (Adam E. 12 S)
21. Fannie and Mamie Hershberger (Levi S. dec.)	
22. Enos J. Mast (Jonas S.-Warren Center, Pa.) -	Lydia Miller (John E. 8 SW)
23. David Bontrager (Eli E. dec.) -----	Lena Miller (Adam E. 12 S)
24. David D. Miller (David B. dec.) -----	Mary Miller (Henry E. 2 SW)

MIDDLE DISTRICT

1. (M)Dan A. Yoder (Aaron A. dec.) -----	Malinda Miller (Ammon D. dec.)
1. Henry J. Miller (John E 8 SW) -----	Malinda Mast (Henry Y. 6 N)
2. (M)Simon N. Swartzentruber (Norman C. 2 S) -	Mary Jane Nissley (John dec.)
2. John J. Byler (Jacob H. dec.) -----	Fannie Miller Nissley (Amos J. Miller dec.)
3. (M)Simon D. Beachy (Moses B. dec.) -----	Sarah Yoder (Dan I.-LaRaysville, Pa.)
4. (D)John M. Beachy (Moses B. dec.) -----	Emma Coblentz (dec.)
4. Matilda Beachy (Dan Schrock dec.) -----	widow of Daniel J. (dec.)
4. Herman D. Beachy (Dan J. dec.) -----	Susie E. Mast (Eli H. 10 E)
5. Henry S. Mast (Sam J. dec.) -----	Lizzie Miller (Jacob E. dec.)
5. Samuel H. Mast (Henry S. 5 M) -----	Dora E. Yoder (Enos J. 5 S)
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8. Emery J. Stutzman (Jacob G. & M) -----	Clara D. Mast (Daniel B. 4E)
9. Mattie King (Dan D. Miller dec.) -----	widow of John M. dec.
10. Andy M. Yoder (Mose C. dec.) -----	Barbara Ann Nissley (John dec.)
11. Andrew W. Byler (William A. dec.) -----	Lizzie Detweiler (Joe B. dec.)
12. Manilius A. Miller (Ammon D. dec.) -----	Verna M. Yoder (Mose dec.)
13. Joe H. Byler (Henry W.-Lawrence Co., Pa.) --	Anna Leslein (Mike dec.)
14. Benedict D. Miller (David B. dec.) -----	Sovilla Yoder (Jake S. dec.)
14. Anna Yoder (Jake K. Miller dec.) -----	widow of Jake s. dec.)

15. Jake N. Miller (Nathaniel dec.) ----- Mary Ann Coblentz (Jonas J. 1 SW)
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 18. Harry A. Miller (Andy A. 9 E) ----- Lizzie Yoder (John J. 4 S)
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 20. Dan J. Yoder (Jonas I. 3 S) ----- Emma Beachy (Dan J. dec.)
 21. Henry D. Byler (Dan H. 6 E) ----- Mary Ann Byler (Andy W. 11 M)
 22. Joe F. Gingerich (Fred-Princeton, Wisconsin) Clara Byler (Andy W. 11 M)
 23. Eli H. Miller (Henry E. 2 SW) ----- Mattie Yoder (Dan A. 1 M)
 24. Abner J. Miller (Jonas I. 7 E) ----- Lena Yoder (Dan A. 1 M)
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 26. William D. Beachy (Dan J. dec.) ----- Lydia A. Mast (Andy H. 6 SW)
 27. David A. Byler (Andy W. 11 M) ----- Miller F. Gingerich (Fred)
 28. Calvin D. Yoder (Daniel A. 1 M) ----- Rosa Edna Miller (Andy A. 9 E)
 29. Jonas M. Miller (Manilius A. 12 M) ----- Sarah A. Miller (Andy A. 9 E)
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 32. Cassie Miller (Ammon H. dec.) ----- widow of David B. dec.
 33. Manilius Ray Miller (Manilius A. 12 M) ----- Katie A. Byler (Andy R. 6 S)
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 35. Eli A. Mast (Andrew H. 6 SW) ----- Effie Beachy (Dan J. dec.)
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When the day's a dismal story, we can give to it new glory
Just by lifting up our eyes to see the sky.
When of wealth we're always dreaming, we may miss the lovely gleaming
Of the golden things that all about us lie.

The Hour Glass



Days well spent are drops all sparkling
 In the waters deep and broad,
 Of Eternity's Great Ocean,
 Every drop is held by God.
 Days well spent are Shining Jewels
 Scattered in the peaceful road
 Which to happiness will lead us
 To our Father's blest abode.

From the Writing Book of Lydia L. (Fisher) Petersheim

75 YEARS AGO

Jacob, Son of Samuel and Sarah Stoltzfus
 Died April 9, 1895, Aged 3 years, 10 days

That Cherub band had need of one
 To join their Songs of love
 Then weep not for your darling Son
 He sweetly sings above.

Sammie, Son of Benjamin and Jemima King
 Died April 12, 1895, Aged 6 months, 10 da.

To save the darling Child from woe
 And guard it from all harm
 From all the grief you feel below
 I call it to my arms.

Infant Daughter of Christian and Rebecca Fisher, Died April 19, 1895, Aged 10 days
 Another little lamb has gone To dwell with Him who gave
 Another little darling babe Is Sheltered in the grave.

From "Sarah E. Beiler, Writing Book"

From NEW HOLLAND CLARION'S "Over The Trail To The Past"

75 Years Ago

The prosperous community of Intercourse was expanding. Peter Plank was building a new wagonmaker shop for Harry Miller which was soon to be ready for use. Robert Hoar was building an oven for a bakery which was almost completed. It was to be conducted by C. U. Stoltzfus

The division which had recently taken place in the Mennonite church at Weaverland had also taken hold of the old Groffdale congregation. A portion of the members had withdrawn from the conference and were building a new church near Kachel's smith shop some distance west of the Groffdale church.

50 Years Ago

Southern strawberries had been on the Lancaster markets at 75 cents per box.

A record in cellar digging was made at Leaman Place on Thursday when the cellar to a two story double house was dug in ten hours by a gang of twelve men. H. W. Brenner, who was building the house, invited the men from the surrounding community to take a part in starting the building. The dimensions of the cellar were 36 feet square and 4½ feet deep.

The Churchtown reporter wrote that carpenters were kept very busy in that vicinity. They had work enough to last all summer. Many improvements were to be made regardless of high prices of lumber and the wages of the carpenters were 60 cents an hour.

With all the investigating committees and fair price commissions, food prices had remained high. Potatoes were selling at a record 60 cents a half peck. They were in poor supply and it was almost impossible to buy them by the bushel. The price ranged from \$3.50 to \$4.25 per bushel. Lettuce also reached a new high and sold for 40 cents a head. Eggs were 40 to 45 cents a dozen; butter 75 cents a lb.; chickens \$1.25 to \$2.75.

Some farmers were plowing for the oats crop as the ground on the hills was dry enough. Because of the wet weather, farmers were getting a late start compared with last year.

Last Friday a truck loaded with livestock went into the mud axle deep on the Public Highway near Pool Barn. Since that the sink hole was filled with stone.

Lancaster carpenters were to receive 70 cents an hour for their work, beginning April 1.

Thousands of crows had discovered a field of unhusked corn near Ephrata, which was providing them with a rich feast.



From THE COMING KING by James Edison White (Published, 1906)

PESTILENCES.

"And there shall be famines and pestilences." Matthew 24:7\

In harmony with this prophecy, we may expect to find in history records of fearful loss of life by plague and pestilence. As a sign of the second coming of Christ and of "the end of the world," we may look for such visitations to increase as these events draw near and are about to take place in their dread reality.

Therefore we find that although pestilences have prevailed during the whole Christian era, their fatality has increased as the years have passed, and especially have their visitations been most destructive, during the past two centuries. New and fatal epidemics are arising from time to time, while the old scourges of the densely populated, filthy portions of the world, still do their deadly and ghastly work.

The following description of four of the most dreaded pestilences is condensed from papers written for "Coming King" by Branscombe Ashley, M. A., M. D.:--

THE BLACK PLAGUE.

The black death, or bubonic plague, as it is called, is among the oldest and most fatal of pestilences. In its presence human skill stands paralyzed. No cure has ever been found for it.

The first accounts of this plague date back to 253 A.D. From 542 to 565 it raged in Egypt and Italy. In 543 it reached Constantinople, where it carried off 10,000 persons in one day. Between the years 664 and 683 it visited England four times.

In the fourteenth century, it traveled over Europe generally, reaching England in 1349. Hecker estimates that during the years of this visitation 25,000,000 persons died. London was visited in 1400, 1406, and 1428.

In 1428, 80,000 died in Dantzic.

In 1472, 40,000 died in Paris between sunrise and sunset.

In 1563, 1,000 a week died in London, 200,000 died in Moscow, and 50,000 at Lyons.

In 1576, Venice lost 70,000.

In 1603, 38,000 died in London, and 1,000,000 in Egypt.

In 1656, Genoa lost 60,000.

In 1664 was the great plague of London. The total deaths were 68,596. The infected houses were marked with a red cross and the legend, "God have mercy upon us."

In the eighteenth century, the plague visited Constantinople, and spread along the Danube.

In 1743 it appeared in Sicily, in 1744 in Hungary, then successively in European Turkey and Moldavia.

It was in Constantinople in 1802-3, Armenia and Bagdad in 1807, Russia, 1808, Turkey and Egypt in 1828, Russia in 1834-35.

In 1853-54 it spread over Europe, Asia, and Africa.

It appeared in Europe on the Volga in 1878-79.

Since that time it had broken out many times in different places, but modern sanitary science has succeeded in confining it to some degree.

The following facts and quotations are from an article by Charles Edward Russell in Everybody's Magazine for June, 1906, entitled, "Soldiers of the Common Good: "--

When the people are fairly well fed, and have proper sanitary surroundings, they are in condition to resist infection. But in India millions live continually in a state of semi-starvation, and drink from poisonous water supplies. This with the unsanitary surroundings of undrained cesspools, germ-laden dust, etc., render this thickly populated country a veritable hot bed for malignant, contagious, and infectious diseases.

When weakened by famine, the system is in no condition to resist the inroads of disease. "Famine slays its millions and the diseases that are famine's children slay their tens of millions. The rapidity of these slaughters is something to make one gasp with amazement."

But the danger from the black plague is not confined to India. It is not a malady of the tropics; it is a cold-weather disease and thrives in the unsanitary places of the north lands. A temperature of twenty-two degrees below zero does not kill the germs.

Already the black plague is making its way northward. It has affected Rangoon which was heretofore considered immune, and this year (1906) has entered Afghanistan. "If it shall continue to spread north and west through Persia to the Caspian, to Russia, through the population centers of Europe--what then? Imagine such a disease among the peasants of Russia, in the slums of Hamburg, in the reeking dens of Whitechapel!" We may add that the conditions in these places are as favorable to the spread of the plague as are the worst districts of India.

This awful disease is not confined to the natives. Europeans are not immune as many assert.

"The powerful poison generated in the system by the plague bacillus attacks whatever organ or function in the body is the weakest. It may therefore appear that the patient

died, not of the plague, but of heart failure, if the heart were weak; of septicemia, if the blood were thin; of pneumonia, if the lungs were affected, and so on. In Bombay, at least, and, I believe, in some other cities, Europeans that have died of plague have been reported as dying of the symptomatic disorder that was the immediate cause of death and by this dissimulation the truth has been concealed. The Plague Commission Report asserts that thirty-five percent of the deaths caused by plague had been recorded as deaths from other causes.

"Europeans (and Americans) are exposed to the disease equally with other men. A friend of mine, an American, living in Calcutta, had one child, a little daughter. The house stood in the most healthful part of the city, the family is exceedingly well-to-do, the members might be thought to be immune if any of white skin are immune. A rat came through the front yard. The little girl's pet dog killed the rat. Two days later the little girl died of the plague.

"Any day an infected rat may come through any other dooryard in an infected city, or into any house, or into any shop, or any port.*

"For rats spread the plague, and rats flock to ships, and ships carry them about the world; and with the extreme indifference with which steamship owners and officers in Eastern waters regard this pregnant source of infection, hardly a harbor in the world is free this minute from imminent danger of plague importation from India. I have seen rats running about the upper promenade deck of one of the most famous passenger steamers that ply between England and India, and the fact that rats have carried the plague to ports as far away from Bombay as Fremantle, Sydney, Hongkong, Oporto, Auckland, Cape Town, San Francisco, Glasgow, and Liverpool, gives some notion of the gravity of the peril that issues from the reeking dens of India to menace the world. And this is the price we pay for slums.

"And do you know what the plague does? It slays almost every person it seizes. The mortality varies from sixty to ninety per cent., and in some records it has reached ninety-five per cent.

"Yet the plague in the first stages of its progress is a sheer matter of dirt and bad sanitation, of rats and vermin, of slums and foul dwellings and overcrowding and dark corners, of poverty and empty stomachs. Places that are clean and have sewers and wide streets and well-fed inhabitants never have plague--until it is brought into them from the slum cities."

The time was when this plague could have been stamped out, or at least brought under control. But the apathy of the world to this menace will surely bring it to other lands. Already have occasional cases been reported in South America, Hawaii, San Francisco, and some of the eastern cities of the United States. In some unhealthy season we may expect this plague to find its way to our very doors. Until intelligent, untiring effort is put forth to guard India against both famine and pestilence no country in the world is safe from the plague which it breeds.

SMALLPOX.

Smallpox is one of the oldest pestilences of which we have any account. The contagion exceeds in virulence any other disease, and may be communicated at any stage of its course. It spares no sex, condition, age, or nationality. No one is safe from it except by virtue of having passed through its perils, although vaccination is proving quite an effective temporary safeguard. Smallpox appeared in Europe in the year 520. It is generally believed that the Saracens introduced smallpox into many parts of Europe in 770.

In 1517 it was carried by adventurers to the West Indies.

It reached Mexico in 1520, and Brazil in 1563.

The last great epidemic in Europe and America began in 1870 and abated in 1873.

YELLOW FEVER.

Yellow fever is typhus in its nature. It is most prevalent in a hot climate, and is especially virulent where sanitary conditions are disregarded. Frosts and a low temperature check its action; but the germs of the disease often lie dormant until the return of warm weather, and then come into fresh activity. For twenty-five consecutive years, Philadelphia had its epidemic of yellow fever each summer, the germs remaining dormant during the winter.

The first accurate account of the disease comes from the Barbadoes in 1647.

It appeared in Charleston, South Carolina, and in Philadelphia in 1793, and spread thence to New York and the ports of New England, as far north as New Hampshire. It has also prevailed during the present century in the Southern States and in other countries.

CHOLERA.

This is also a modern disease, for the attention of physicians was not called to it until the year 1817. At this time it broke out in British India, resulting in great loss of life to both Europeans and natives. During the next three years it raged in Ceylon, spreading thence to China on the east and Persia on the west.

In 1823 it prevailed in Asia Minor and Russia in Asia, and was very severe in India.

*The following item is clipped from The Sun, of New York, of April, 11, 1906:--

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.--Four cases of bubonic plague are now on the steamship "Burrsfield," from Bombay, which is held in quarantine at Reedy Island. Two other seamen died at sea from the effects of the plague.

In 1831-32 it reached England. The scourge next attacked France, Spain, and Italy, and finally crossed the Atlantic and invaded both North and Central America. In the course of twenty years the whole world was visited by the pestilence.

The outbreak of 1847 covered a much wider area than that of 1832, Russia, the whole of the American continent, and the West Indies being solely smitten.

The third outbreak, in 1850, originated in India, passed to Europe in 1853, and attacked the armies in the Crimea, especially at Sebastopol.

In 1865-66, a fourth, but less violent, visitation yielded to sanitary measures.

Sudden slight outbreaks occur still in India, which seems to be the home of the pestilence.

THE LAST PLAGUES.

In the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters of Revelation we read of seven terrible plagues which will visit the dwellers on this earth. These plagues immediately precede the end of this dispensation; for with the seventh plague comes the last great earthquake which accompanies the appearance of Christ to this earth. See Revelation 16: 17-20; 6: 14-17.

Seven angels have charge of these seven great calamities. "And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshiped his image. . . . And they gnawed their tongues for pain, and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds." Revelation 16:2, 10, 11.

This description seems to apply to some such pestilence as the "black plague," but in an aggravated form. This plague does not cease when the next one follows; for in verses 10 and 11 it is spoken of as still doing its terrible work while the fifth plague is falling upon the earth.

Truly there are terrible scenes yet to be enacted, and the pestilences and calamities which are becoming so frequent are but the forerunners of more awful events still before us.

The time of "the Lord's anger" is drawing near, His forbearance and mercy will spare a world in which wickedness is rife, until His people are all made up, and then the judgments of Jehovah will fall. To the righteous of this time the prophet appeals; "Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought His judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." Zephaniah 2:3.

By a careful reading of the sixteenth chapter of Revelation, it will be seen that the plagues there described are poured out upon the wicked alone. See verses 2, 6, 11.

David tells of the condition of God's people during this time of awful calamity. Speaking of the Lord, he says: "He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked." Psalms 91:4-8.

When the plagues of God were poured out on Egypt, the dwelling-place of the children of Isreal was free from them. In this last great outpouring of the plagues of God's wrath, the dwelling-places of His people will also be free, for the almighty God will spare and hide them.

From Lancaster Intell, 1920

THOUSANDS KILLED IN MEXICAN 'QUAKE ZONE

Shocks of Saturday Dried Up Streams, Caused Oil to Spout From Wells and Took Terrific Toll of Lives, Reports State.

Mexico City,--Hundreds, possibly thousands, of lives were lost as a result of the earthquake which shook the State of Vera Cruz Saturday night. So widespread was the damage done by the shock and so wild are some of the sections that suffered from it that it is probable the number of casualties will never be known.

Private despatches received here from Vera Cruz and Jalapa state that 1,000 persons lost their lives at Couztian. These reports, which are said at both cities to be reliable, confirm information given out last night by Presidential military headquarters. Thirty lives were lost at Teocelo, where three churches and forty houses were destroyed. Volcanic eruptions have occurred at Cofre De Perite, from which point to the volcano of Orizaba the shock seemed to center, according to rumors. Flood waters pouring down the Pascados river have inundated Ishuacan, Mahauztian and Tiapanala, while many ranches are under water. Barranca Grande and Los Simones are also suffering from floods, it is reported from Vera Cruz. Twenty bodies have been recovered from the Pescados at Jalcomulco and Apaxapan.

There were three slight shocks yesterday, according to information given out yesterday afternoon at the astronomical observatory at Tacobaya, a suburb of Mexico City. They were so feeble that they could be detected only by instruments. Subterranean noises are still noticeable in the Pedregal, a rocky waste near this city, and great cracks have appeared in the earth. Travelers returning here from Vera Cruz say some streams were dried up as a result of the shock and it is feared that many mills near Orizaba which depend upon water power will be compelled to close.

Several wells near Tuxpam have been spouting petroleum since the earthquake, according to advice from Veracruz.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE AMISH IN DELAWARE

The first Amish family to move to Delaware was Jacob K. Miller, on February 8, 1915 from Norfolk, Virginia. The second was Bishop David Y. Miller, on February 23, 1915. Third was William Beachy from Wisconsin, in the fall of 1915. Fourth, Preacher Peter Swartzentruber of Geuga County, Ohio came on June 14, 1916. Fifth was Michigan Jake S. Yoder on March 7, 1916. The sixth family was David H. Yoder from North Dakota; Seventh, Simon Miller of Montana; Eighth, C. C. Amstutz from Bay Minette, Alabama came on February 21, 1919; Ninth, Samuel Hertzler of Lancaster, Pennsylvania came January 22, 1920 and the tenth family was Preacher Joe Zook of Lancaster, Pennsylvania in the spring of 1921.

Although it is not clear where a few came from we can see that of the first ten only two came from the same location, with the first ones coming all the way from the state of California, staying only three months in Norfolk, Virginia while selecting a suitable location in Delaware.

The first eight to ten years were indeed very uncertain for the new settlement, as two of these ten families stayed only a short time. First to move away was the William Beachy family followed soon by David H. Yoder as well as six others, leaving the Peter Swartzentruber and Jake S. Yoder families for a time until the Bishop David Y. Millers decided to return to Delaware to make their home, after which the settlement grew.

The church was divided into two districts on September 30, 1928, over twelve and one half years after the first Amish moved in. Thus the East and West districts came into being. On November 18, 1933 the third district came to be known as South and the other two as East and North. By 1939 there were four districts, known as South, Middle, North, and East. On October 23, 1960 the fifth and South West district was formed. In 1963 members totaled 337; today, February, 1970 members total 367.

By far the main factor for the small increase in population in recent years is because of many families moving away in search of greener pastures.

The first farm bought by the Amish in Delaware consisted of 138 acres and was bought for \$16,500 by J. K. Miller in 1915. In 1918 Jake sold the same farm for \$16,000 to Mr. Zurkow. In late 1919 Samuel Hertzler bought this same farm for \$19,500. This remained an Amish farm until the year 1968 when the then owner, Jonas I. Miller sold it to a non-Amish for \$123,000.00.

Although there is no known record of when the first church services were held, the first recorded singing was at Peter Swartzentrubers on Sunday afternoon, January 28, 1917. However, it is quite probable that the first several families gathered to read and sing long before this recorded date.

Firsts For The Delaware Amish

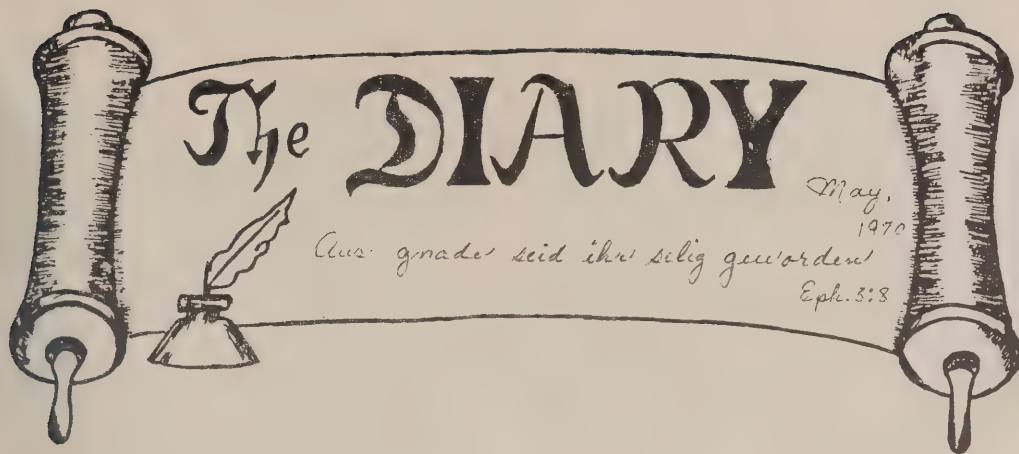
First Amish Settler, February 18, 1915, J. K. Miller; First Baby Born, Enos D. Miller, son of Bishop David Y. Miller, born July 2, 1915; First Wedding, February 24, 1920, Widower Preacher Joseph F. Zook to Elizabeth Swartzentruber, daughter of Peter Swartzentruber; First Death and Funeral, Mary J. Beiler, twenty one year old dau. of Jonas K. Beiler, died May 13, 1923, buried May 15, 1923; First Amish Private School in the United States, Apple Grove founded 1925, F. Karbaum, Teacher; First Carpet Rag Cutting, January 26, 1927 at Simon Bylers; First Quilting, February, 1916 at J. K. Millers; First Corn Cutting, September, 1928 at Levi Christners; First Corn Husking, October, 1928 at Gideon Bylers; First Barn Raising, March 31, 1927 at Gideon Benders; First Large Auction, February 10, 1927 at P. W. Swartzentrubers included free lunch to the crowd; First Family to move away, Will Beachys to Oregon, October 10, 1916

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BOY CRUSHED TO DEATH UNDER TRUCK

Chester, 1½-year-old son of Benjamin Y. and Leah (Lapp) Peachey, of Lebanon R1, Pa. was crushed to death, May 4, when he ran behind a coal truck which was being backed up to unload. The truck driver had looked carefully before he started to back up, but the boy apparently came from the rear of the house into the path of the truck and the driver was not aware of it until he felt a jolt. A rear wheel had gone over the boy's head. The truck contained about 6½ tons of coal. One of the policemen who was called to the scene said that he had never witnessed anything like it in which no one was to blame. The boy's parents felt that if God's time for him was up, that was His way of taking him. (See obit.)

BOY CRUSHED TO DEATH UNDER FIELD ROLLER

John Henry Stoltzfus, 14-year-old son of David R. and Susie (Riehl) Stoltzfus, Narvon R2, Pa. was crushed to death under a heavy field roller Monday, May 11 while working on his father's farm. He was working in a field alone, driving a three-horse team, when he apparently fell from the roller on which he was riding. The roller apparently rolled onto him and stopped. He was pronounced dead at 10 a.m. (See obituary)

YOUTH DROWNS IN HOLMES COUNTY, OHIO

Celebration of Whit Monday, turned into tragedy May 18 at 4 p.m. with the drowning of Levi J. Weaver, 18, of Fredericksburg R2, Ohio. His body was recovered from a 15-foot hole in Salt Creek, one and one-half miles south of Fredericksburg off Co. Rd. 192, at 6:52 p.m. by members of the Wooster Seahorse Divers Rescue Team. The Holmes County coroner ruled the death accidental at the scene. The youth, three brothers and a step-brother had gone to the site on a fishing excursion about 3 p.m.. They had parked their horse and buggy at step-brother Levi S. Miller's home about a half mile away after traveling three miles from their parents' home, and walked to the fishing spot. The drowning occurred within 15 minutes after Levi and his brothers, Abe and Jacob (his twin) decided to swim. Another brother Emery J., 15, and a step-brother John S. Miller, 20, ran for help to Fredericksburg Fire Department. (See obituary)

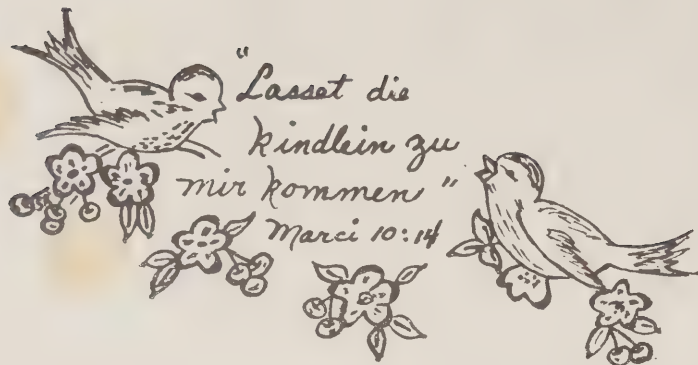
WAYNE CO., OHIO MAN DIED FROM HEART ATTACK

Levi M. Troyer, 65, of Fredericksburg R2, Ohio, died about noon Monday, May 18, from an apparent heart attack. The Wayne County coroner investigated and reported that death was instantaneous. He had gone fishing at Spring Valley Lake, three miles East of Fredericksburg off County Road 2. He apparently went to his buggy to eat his lunch. He was not seen for some time and on investigation he was found dead. He had been a heart patient. (See obituary)

GIRL KILLED AFTER BEING THROWN FROM BUGGY

Freda Hershberger, 4-year-old daughter of Adam E. and Melinda (Troyer) Hershberger, was killed Tuesday, April 28, after being thrown from a buggy when a horse bolted. She died of a neck fracture incurred in the mishap at 4:50 p.m. on County Rd. 19, a mile east of Becks Mills in Mechanic Township. The girl was riding with her mother and 4 brothers and sisters returning home after visiting relatives. The mother reported she has stopped the buggy to open a fence in a pasture field to take a short cut to their home. The horse began "acting peculiar" and she told the children to get out of the buggy. Before Freda could do so the horse darted onto the county road toward the Hershberger home. After going some 575 feet the horse ran up an embankment, flipping the buggy and tossing Freda to the ground. The right rear buggy wheel struck the girl and dragged her 5 ft. (See obituary)

Let us remember our bereaved ones in prayer.



BIRTHS

Guaimaca, Honduras, Central America
 Hochstetler, Monroe D. (Mary Slaubaugh)
 their eleveneth child, JOSEPH, May 17
 Buchanan County, Iowa
 Stutzman, Perry E. (Mary Hershberger)
 Fairbank, a son MERVIN, May 27
 Daviess County, Indiana
 Knepp, John (Viola Graber) a daughter
 IDA PAULINE, May 16
 Somerset County, Pennsylvania
 Bender, Harvey (Ella Yoder) a daughter
 KATIE MAE, May 5
 Kinsinger, Daniel (Lizzie Brenneman)
 a son EDWIN, May 14
 Yoder, Noah (Fannie Brenneman) a son
 DAVID, May 2

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Yoder, Pre. Kore M. (Anna Swarey) Belleville, a daughter MARY, May 14

Centre County, Pennsylvania

Stoltzfus, Henry (Rachel Fisher) Rebersburg, a daughter ANNIE

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Esh, Christian (Hannah Smoker) Myerstown R2, a son MOSES, March 29

Lantz, John (Bena L. Stoltzfus) Myerstown R2, a daughter NANCY AGNES, May 7

Peachey, Benjamin (Leah Lapp) Lebanon R2, a son JAMES M., May 24

Stoltzfus, Jacob (Annie Stoltzfus) Myerstown R2, a son SAMUEL, March 27

Holmes County, Ohio

Hershberger, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, Fredericksburg R2, a son, May 2

Hilty, Mr. and Mrs. Eli L., Fredericksburg R2, a daughter, May 6

Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Dan S., Millersburg, a son, May 28

Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Eli I., Dundee, a son, May 28

Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Joe E., Millersburg R5, a son, May 13

Schlabach, Mr. and Mrs. Albert W., Fredericksburg R1, a son, May 23

Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis M., Fredericksburg R2, a son, May 25

Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin, Mt. Hope, a daughter, May 15

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Bawell, James (Katie Fisher) Gordonville R1, a son HENRY, May 2

Beiler, Amos L. (Miriam King) 131 Glenbrook Rd., Leola, a son HENRY, May 21

Beiler, Christian D. (Mattie B. King) Strasburg R1, a daughter Sylvia K., May 2

Beiler, Daniel (Lizzie B. Fisher) Christiansburg R1, a son ELMER, May 9

Beiler, Jacob S. (Salome S. Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter MARY S., May 13

Beiler, John L. (Elizabeth M. Smucker) Gap R1, a son MARLIN RAY, May 7

Blank, Christ K. (Susie Zook) Kinzers R1, a son MOSES Z., May 18

Esh, Aaron K., (Elizabeth Miller) Bart, a daughter SARA JEAN, May 5

Esh, Christian G., (Malinda K. Esh) Gordonville R1, a son JOHN P., May 16

Fisher, Emanuel R., (Katie S. Esh) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son EMANUEL MAYNARD, May 17

Glick, Jacob S. (Mary A. Zook) New Holland R1, a son JOSEPH Z., May 11

King, Amos (Mary King) Kirkwood R1, a son ELAM, May 27

King, Daniel B. (Rebecca S. Glick) New Holland R1, a daughter ESTHER, May 25

King, David S. (Rebecca K. Esh) Gap R1, a son AMOS RAY, May 22

King, Samuel (Mary Allgyer) a daughter SARAH

Stoltzfus, Daniel S. (Emma King) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son DANIEL JR., May 18

Stoltzfus, David B. (Lena S. Glick) Gordonville R1, a son DAVID B. JR., May 30

Stoltzfus, Jacob L. (Barbara Smoker) Honey Brook R2, a son DAVID S., May 4

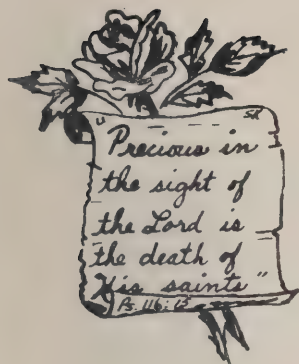
Stoltzfus, Samuel I. (Sara Snn Zook) Ronks R1, a daughter MARTHA, May 1

Zook, Amos B. (Rachel S. Lapp) Ronks R1, a daughter NAOMI GRACE, May 24

NOTICE!! We plan to have a "Senior Sunshine" page in THE DIARY, June issue, listing our older members who were born in 1890 or before. We would like to have a complete list for all the Amish communities, so anyone please feel free to send them to us.

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OBITUARIES



Beiler, David J., 57 yr., 10 mo. and 9 da., Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa. (Tommy) died Monday, June 1, at his home after a brief illness. He spent the last twenty years in a wheel chair after being paralyzed from injuries received in an accident. Born in East Lampeter Twp. he was a son of the late David E. and Lydia Z. (Stoltzfus) Beiler. He is survived by his wife Sara E. (Stoltzfus) Beiler; two children, Verna, wife of Amos M. Beiler, Ronks; and Samuel U., Bird-in-Hand R1; two grandchildren; and these brothers and sisters; Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher, Ronks R1; Mrs. Katie Esh, Gordonville R1; Samuel U., Gap R1; Mary, wife of Samuel King, Ronks; Levi S., Gap R1; Ira S., Bird-in-Hand; and Lydia, wife of Isaac Stoltzfus, Gap R1. Funeral services were held by John M. Beiler and John S. Fisher; Hymn by Levi K. Esh; Burial in Beiler Cemetery at Ronks.

Infant son of John M. and Mary B. (Miller) Ebersole, Bird-in-Hand, Pa.

died May 13 in General Hospital. Survivors are a brother Eli at home, the maternal grandparents, Eli P. and Arie (Beiler) Miller, Bird-in-Hand R1; and the paternal grandparents, Eli and Sadie (Stoltzfus) Ebersol, of Leola. (Eli Ebersol died June 1) Graveside services were held by Amos L. Lapp.

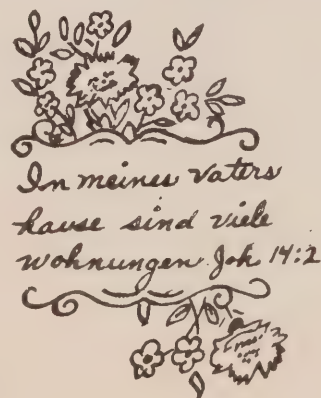
Hershberger, Fannie J., wife of Jacob E. Hershberger, 60, of Millersburg R5, Ohio died Thursday, May 7 at the Cleveland Clinic Hospital where she had been a patient for two days. She was born June 18, 1909 in Holmes County to Yost A. and Annie (Miller) Miller. Survivors include her husband; two sons, Henry J. of Millersburg R5 and Melvin J. of the home; four daughters, Mrs. Alvin P. (Anna) Miller of Charm; Mrs. Dan J. (Katie) Miller of Millersburg R5; Mrs. Joe L. (Fannie Mae) Miller of Millersburg R4; and Mrs. Leroy E. (Mary) Hostettler of Fredericksburg; three brothers, Andy Y. Miller of Orrville; Joe Y. Miller of Sugarcreek and Henry Y. Miller of Charm; two sisters, Mrs. Abe J. Yoder of Sugarcreek and Mrs. Melvin A. Raber of Charm and 19 grandchildren. Her parents, a brother and a grandson died previously. Funeral services were held by Jacob J. Mast; Burial in Berlin Twp.

Hershberger, Freda, 4, daughter of Adam E. and Melinda (Troyer) Hershberger, Millersburg R3, O. died after being thrown from a buggy on Tuesday, April 28. Other survivors are sisters and brothers, Martha, Katie, Lester and Melvin of the home and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli D. Hershberger of Holmesville R1 and Mrs. Menno Troyer of Millersburg R4.

Kanagy, Christian, infant son of Steven and Annie (Swarey) Kanagy, Belleville, Pa. was born May 13, 1970 and died May 14, 1970. Surviving are his parents, 2 brothers and 2 sisters. One brother preceeded him in death.

King, Malinda, wife of Aaron L. King, 67, Honey Brook R2, Pennsylvania died Saturday, May 30 at Ephrata Community Hospital where she had been a patient for the past three weeks. Born in Caernarvon Twp. she was a daughter of the late Benuel M. and Malinda (Esh) Stoltzfus. Surviving are her husband and these children: Rebecca, wife of John L. Fisher and Benuel S., both of Honey Brook R2; Mary, wife of Daniel S. Stoltzfus, of Narvon R1; John E., at home; 26 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; also five brothers and a sister: Daniel U., Honey Brook R2; Stephen E., Chestertown, Md.; Amos E., Elverson R2; David E., Honey Brook; Sarah, wife of Jacob S. Fisher, Ronks R1; and Gideon E., Honey Brook R1. Funeral services were held June 2 by Gideon M. Stoltzfus and Amos L. Stoltzfus; Schrift, II Timothy 4:6-9; Hymn by John K. Lapp; Burial in Masts Cemetery.

Lapp, Lydia L., 74, wife of Benjamin S. Lapp, Leola R1, Pennsylvania died at her home at 8:05 a.m., Saturday, May 9. She and her husband were planning to go to a quilting that day. Their driver had come for them and they were going out the lane when she became ill and died, apparently of a heart attack. She had been under the care of a physician. Born in Upper Leacock Twp., she was a daughter of the late John E. and Rebecca (Lapp) King. She is survived by her husband, 2 sons, John K., Kinzers R1 and Amos K., Leola R1; 5 daughters, Katie, wife of Jonas F. Beiler, and Elizabeth, wife of Daniel L. Fisher, both of Ronks R1; Rebecca, wife of Emanuel F. King, Fannie, wife of Isaac S. Fisher, and Lydia, wife of Amos M. King, all of Gordonville R1; 53 grandchildren, and 36 great grandchildren; also 4 brothers, Isaac L. and Christian L. King, both of Bird-in-Hand R1; Aaron L. King, Honey Brook R1, and John L. King, Parkesburg R1; and 5 sisters, Fannie, wife of Levi E. Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1; Leah, wife of John S. Lapp, Leola R1; Lizzie, wife of Emanuel Esh, Ronks R1; Malinda, wife of Jonas S. Stoltzfus, Paradise R1; and Rachel, wife of Amos E. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1. Funeral services were held at the house by David Glick and John E. Lapp, Hymn, "Alle Menchen Missen Sterben;" Further services by Samuel Lapp and Bish. Aaron Esh; Hymn "Denket Doch Ihr Menchen Kinder" by John E. Esh; At Graveyare by Amos K. Stoltzfus; Abshied by Bish. John L. Stoltzfus; Burial in Myers Cemetery



Miller, Dennis W., 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan R. Miller of Fredericksburg R2, Ohio died Thursday in Wooster Community Hospital after a 6-weeks illness. Surviving are 5 brothers, David, James, Mark, Willis and Wayne of the home, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Eli D. Schlabach, all of Fredericksburg R2, Ohio. The funeral services were held by Raymond M. Miller; Burial in Schlabach Cemetery.

Miller, Jacob J., 81, Winesburg, Ohio died Saturday, May 2 in Pomerene Memorial Hospital after a long illness. He was born near Sugarcreek, the son of the late Jacob F. and Lydia Yoder Miller. His wife, Katie Beachy, died in 1967. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Christ (Lydia Ann) Borntrager of Topeka, Ind.; two sons, Lloyd J. of Sugarcreek and Edward J. of Denver, Colo.; a sister, Mrs. Jacob (Lydia Ann) Stutzman of Stuarts Draft, Va.; 18 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren. A daughter, two sisters and three brothers died previously. Funeral services were held by Bishop Abe Yoder; Burial in Yoder family cemetery in Paint Twp.

Peachey, Chester, aged 1 yr., 5 mo. and 15 da., son of Benjamin Y. and Leah (Lapp) Peachey of Lebanon R1, Pa., died May at his home when he was crushed to instant death under a truck. Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers, Jonas Lee and Rufus L., his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Y. Peachey, Myerstown R3, and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Z. Lapp, Myerstown R2. Funeral services were held by his Great Uncle David M. Lapp and Emanuel Peachey from Big Valley, also his great uncle; Hymn by his Great-grandfather Moses B. Lapp; at the graveyard by his Uncle David Peachey; Burial in the Lebanon Co. Amish Cemetery. Pall bearers were his Uncle Moses Lapp and Elam G. Stoltzfus.

Riehl, Fannie S., 79 yr., 8 mo. and 26 da., of 2133 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, Pa. died Tuesday, May 12 at her home. She had been under the care of a physician. She was a daughter of the late David L. and Barbara Smucker Riehl. Surviving are two sisters, Miss Emma and Miss Lydia, both at home and a foster daughter, Mary Ann Riehl, at home. The funeral services were held at the home of Christ L. Beiler by John K. Fisher and John M. Beiler; Hymn by Joseph B. King; Burial in Beilers Cemetery, Ronks, Pa.

Stoltzfus, Jacob E., 69, husband of Mary (Petersheim) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa. died Saturday, May 30 at the General Hospital after a short illness. Born in Leacock Twp., he was a son of the late Amos M. and Barbara (Esh) Stoltzfus. His first wife, Barbara (Lapp) Stoltzfus, died in 1942. Besides his wife he is survived by the following children: Elizabeth, wife of John Allgyer, Amos L., Barbara, wife of Benjamin Esh, Daniel L., all of Bird-in-Hand R1; Melinda, wife of David Blank, John L., and Rebecca, wife of David Smucker, all of Lancaster; Mary, wife of Christ B. Riehl, and Annie, wife of Jonas Fisher, of Ronks R1, and Jacob L., Lititz R3. Other survivors include 65 grandchildren; 51 step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild and the following step-children: Lydia, wife of Amos Lapp, Kinzers R1; Susie, wife of Aquilla Riehl, Lancaster; Barbara, wife of Daniel King, Strasburg R1; Elmer Petersheim, Ronks R1; Mary, wife of John Esh, Gordonville R1; Priscilla, wife of Christ Riehl, Leola, and Rebecca Petersheim at home. Also surviving are two brothers, Levi E. Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, and Benueal E. Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3, and Barbara, wife of Joseph Blank, Narvon R2. Funeral services were held by Christ M. Fisher and Amos U. Glick, Schrift, Rev. 21; Hymn by Amos E. Stoltzfus "Mein Lebens Faden Lauft Zum Ende;" Burial in Myers Cemetery.

Stoltzfus, John Henry, 14, son of David R. and Susie (Riehl) Stoltzfus, Narvon R2, Penna. died at his home Monday, May 11 when he was crushed to death under a heavy roller. The Stoltzfus family had resided at Leola R1, until this spring when they moved to the Narvon R2 farm. Besides his parents, he is survived by 2 sisters, Arie, wife of Stephen Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1 and Anna M., wife of David E. Fisher, Gap R1; 5 brothers, Aquilla, Leola R1, and Michael, Ivan, Omar and David Jr., all at home; maternal grandparents, Aquilla and Arie (Lapp) Riehl, Bird-in-Hand R1, and a step-grandmother, Mrs. Emma Stoltzfus, Gap R1. Funeral services were held by Lloyd Beiler and Bishop John L. Stoltzfus; Burial at Millwood.

Stoltzfus, Katie, 38, daughter of Sam F. and Barbara (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Gap R1, Pa. died at her home Monday morning, May 25. She was found dead in bed. She had spent some time in the hospital recently following a heart attack. She had worked as a clerk in Rhodes General Store, Buena Vista. Survivors include her son Levi M. Stoltzfus, Gap R1, her parents, and the following brothers and sisters; Arie, wife of Elam Stoltzfus, Noah and Jacob F., all of Gap R1; David F., Kinzers R1, and Emma, wife of Stephen F. Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3. Funeral services were held by Melvin Beiler and Levi S. Fisher; Hymns were read by Amos S. Fisher and Levi K. Esh; Burial in Spring Garden Cemetery.

Summy, Jacob S., 82, husband of Amanda (Yoder) Summy, Salisbury, Pennsylvania died at his home Friday, May 22 after a lingering illness. He was born Feb. 11, 1888 a son of the late Solomon J. and Catherine (Speicher) Summy. He is survived by his wife and 2 sons, Eli of Grantsville, Md. and John of Stuarts Draft, Va.; 2 daughters, Mrs. Menno J. Yoder of Meyersdale, Pa. and Mary at home; 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; one brother, Benjamin of Springs, Pa. Funeral was held at Summit Mills by Wilmer Yoder and Albert Breneman.

REPORTERS!! When you send in newspaper clippings of deaths etc. please give us the date that it happened.

Troyer, Levi M., 65, Husband of Rebecca (Kurtz) Troyer, Fredericksburg, Ohio died about noon Monday, May 18 from an apparent heart attack. Besides his wife he is survived by 5 sons and 2 daughters, Mrs. Levi (Alma) Schrock and Mose of Sugarcreek, Mrs. Andy (Mary Ann) Keim and Vernon of the home, Atlee of Mifflintown, Pa., John of Orrville and Jonas of Dover, Del., 4 brothers and 3 sisters, Emanuel, Daniel and Mrs. Mose Troyer of Fredericksburg R2; and Mrs. Sam J. Miller of Fredericksburg R1; Andrew of Fredericksburg R2, and Mrs. Atlee Miller of Orrville, and Jonas of Baltic, and 35 grandchildren. Two brothers are deceased. Funeral services by Sol Weaver; Burial in Troyer Cemetery in Salt Creek Twp.

Weaver, Levi J., 18, of Fredericksburg R2, Ohio died Monday, May 18, by drowning. Survivors include the step-father, Sam A. Miller and the mother, Mrs. Mary Weaver Miller; the following brothers and sisters: a twin brother, Jacob J., Emory J., Atlee J. Andrew, Abe, Mose, Henry and John Weaver of the home; Mrs. Fannie Hochstetler, Fredericksburg R1; Mrs. Ella Hershberger, Sullivan R1; Mrs. Emma Hershberger, Dalton R2; Mrs. Ada Hershberger, Homerville R1; and Mary Weaver of the home; grandparents, Levi Swartzentruber of Fredericksburg R2 and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Weaver, Apple Creek R2. Burial was in the Helmuth Cemetery.

BAPTISM

Guaimaca, Honduras, Central America

Mark, son of Peter Stoll by Wallace Byler, Hartville, Ohio on May 24

ORDINATIONS

Holmes County, Ohio

John Troyer, 22, son of Pre. Dan Troyers was ordained in Andy Weaver west district on May 5

Aden Troyer, son of Mrs. Mose P. Troyer was ordained in Andy Weaver west district on May 7

Andy M. Yoder, 65, son of the late Mike Yoder was ordained in Holmesville district on May 17

MARRIAGES

Holmes County, Ohio

May 19, Dan, son of Mrs. Eli D. Yoder and Salome, daughter of Demas Mast Jr.

May 29, Roman, son of Ben Weaver and Effie, daughter of Albert Gingerich

May 29, Andrew, son of Bert M. Yoders and Katie, daughter of Dan Kurtz

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada

Deedrich, son of Isaak and Anna (Reimer) Fehr and

Wilma, daughter of LeRoy and Ruth (Graber) Marner, May 14

ACCIDENTS

Arthur, Illinois

May 25, Ivan and Eli Miller, sons of Min. Jeff Millers were at the barn about 8:30 p.m. trying to get a cat which was taking their white pigeons. The cat was seen and shot on the ground and a shot or metal glanced and hit Eli, 15, in the eye damaging it so it had to be removed May 25th.

May 21, Bernice Yoder, 17, daughter of Howard Yoders was in the field with a six-horse team in a disc and lost control of them. They began to run and threw her across a bar. Both her feet went under the disc, one leg was broken and the other badly cut. Also the right hand was badly cut and the little finger missing. She has been in intensive care at St. Mary Hospital since.

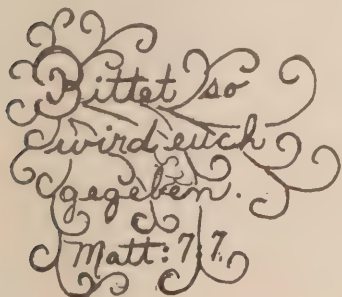
Thursday, May 28, Mrs. Maryan Beachey, Miss Anna D. Beachey and Mrs. Noah Yoder were driving on the road in a buggy when the front axel came loose causing Mr. Yoder some cuts from the glass requiring several stitches to close the wounds.

Marion, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gideon H. Miller returned home from Jarmon Memorial Hospital at Tuscola, Friday, May 22, after several weeks stay with a broken leg.

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Rebecca B., 87, widow of John D. Stoltzfus, Talmage, suffered a broken hip and was released from the hospital April 29, to the home of Amos M. Stoltzfus, New Holland R1, close to her childhood home. Though a wheelchair patient at present, she treasures her mail and company. She is a friend whom old and young enjoy visiting.

Mary, wife of Jonas S. Zook, New Holland R2, Pa. had a tumor in one of her eyes and had the eye removed recently at Will's Eye Hospital in Philadelphia. She is at home now and recovering nicely.



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"50 Years ago" The New Holland Clarion

The Millwood reporter wrote that the farmers were still busy planting corn. The farm labor was scarce and the weather being unfavorable made it late.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Guaimaca, Honduras, Central America by Joseph Stoll

The month of May saw our annual dry season come to an end. The refreshing rains have an effect similar to springtime in the northland. With the rains, plowing has begun, gardens have been planted, and fencing is underway. The average high for May was 84.5 degrees, the average low 63.7. The highest temperature was 89, the lowest 52. Rainfall totaled 4.7".

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania by Eli S. King and Levi L. Stoltzfus

Some cool wet weather beginning of the month. May 7th temperatures were as low as 29 degrees in the morning, along with a breeze, therefore not much frost damage. Warmer weather throughout last part of month. Total rainfall was 4.2 in the East Intercourse area.

Fat Cattle market up to \$31.50 cwt.; Stocker and Feeders from 26.50 to 36.50 cwt.; Veal Calves, 56.00 cwt.; A load of Canadian Dairy Cows sold for 400.00 to 590.00 each; Fat Hog market up to 26.50 cwt.; 40 lb. Feed Pigs from .53 to .60 a lb.; Lambs up to 35.00 cwt.; Hay prices: Alfalfa, 54.00 Ton; Timothy, 40.00; Mixed Hay, 45.00; Straw, 45.00 Ton; 1 load Ear Corn, 46.00 Ton; Shell Corn, 1.50 bu.; Wheat, 1.47 bu; Barley, 1.10; Oats, .85; Eggs, large, .33 doz; Potatoes, 4.00 cwt. at the farm. Rainfall for the Bareville are, 4.1 inches.

Centre County, Pennsylvania by Henry Beiler

We were having cool nights the last week in May. Corn is about all planted. Some are starting to cut hay which looks like a good crop. Have a fair amount of moisture so far.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania by Catherine Swarey

Nice days, but a little cool, a light frost on Ascension Day. The second week was cool and rainy, a total of 2.8 inches of rain in May. The last two weeks we had warmer days, the highest temperature 98 degrees but the nights are still cool. Strawberries and peas are blooming and look like a good crop. Some alfalfa has been cut, still some corn to plant.

Amish schools closed May 18

Somerset County, Pennsylvania by Abe S. Kinsinger

Wonderful growing weather with close to 4 inches of rain for May. Corn is almost all planted and some farmers are starting to make hay. Clover seems to be a bumper crop.

St. Mary's County, Maryland by Amos R. Stoltzfus

The first week in May we had rain and some cool weather, but after Ascension Day it turned warm and really warm, which was hard on horses, due to being soft yet. The ground had not been fit to plow till about then. It stayed warm nearly a week and got pretty dry. The 17th it rained, then again on the nights of the 23rd and 24th we had sharp thunder storms and nearly 2" of rain. From then on we had very beautiful, ideal weather. Farmers are making hay, corn is up and barley is turning yellow.

Holmes County, Ohio by David E. Miller

We were having lots of rain in May but good growing weather. Corn is almost all planted. Oats look good, wheat looks promising, barley is in heads and looks like a good crop. We had some late frosts which damaged some alfalfa and clover at the lower places. The early strawberries froze, also some fruit. We had some tornadoes west of here which blew some houses and barns down.

Daviess County, Indiana by Lester Marner

Most of the corn is planted. Farmers are starting to put up hay. This has been a late season because of rain but we could use more rain now.

Arthur, Illinois by Menno A. Diener

Weather first half of May was wet with about 5 inches of rain. No much corn was planted until the 18th, then not much rain and was a little dry on top.

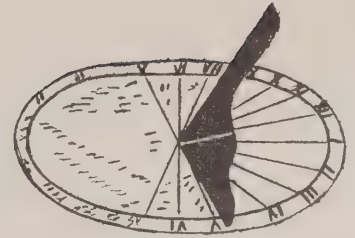
Buchanan County, Iowa by Joe A. Yoder

First half of May was still on the dry side, latter part had lot of moisture which kept farmers out of fields part of the time. There is still a little planting to do on account of the wet weather. In general it was warm and very good growing weather.

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada by Leroy Eicher

We're having nice summer weather. May had a total of 2 3/5 inches of rainfall. The crops are coming along nicely.

Die Sonnen Uhr



Die Sonne, wenn sie aufgehet, verkündiget sie den Tag;
 sie ist ein Wunderwerk des Höchsten,
 Und der Mond in aller Welt muß scheinen zu seiner Zeit,
 und die Monate unterscheiden, und das Jahr austheilen.
 Nach dem Mond rechnet man die Feste; es ist ein Licht,
 das abnimmt, und wieder zunimmt,
 Er hat den Himmel fein rund gemacht, und die Hand des Höchsten hat ihn ausgebreitet.

From HEROLD der WAHRHEIT, 1870

GESTORBEN.

Den 26. December 1869, Anna, Gattin von Samuel Roth, im Alter von 60 Jahren, 9 Monaten und 15 Tagen. Den 28. wurde die am Sonnenberg-Versammlungshause zur Ruhe gebracht. Christ. Sommer hielt die Rede am Sterbehaus und Ulrich Sommer im Versammlungshause. Die Verstorbene kam letztes Frühjahr mit ihrem Gatten von der „Schweiz“ hierher und ist nicht viel über ein Jahr verheirathet gewesen, war schon von früher Jugend auf ein Glied der taufgesinnten Gemeinde.

VERHEIRATHET

Am 23. November 1869, durch Johannes R. Stoltzfus, Benjamin Lapp mit Christiana Sommers, von Lancaster County, Pa.

Am 30. November 1869, durch Prediger Eli Zook, Johannes Reno mit Wittwe Hannah Byler, beide von Ost Lampeter, Lancaster County, Pa.

Am 16. Januar 1870, durch denselben, Johannes W. Beiler mit Sarah Plank, beide von Leacock Township.

Am 18. Januar, durch denselben, Gideon Stoltzfus von Earl Township, mit Sarah Lapp von Leacock Township.

Am 20. Januar, durch denselben, Isaac Zook mit Rebecca Zook, Tochter von Eli Zook, von Leacock Township.

Am 1. Februar, durch Prediger Christian Ummel, Heinrich Stoltzfus von Conestoga, mit Malinda Stoltzfus von Salisbury Township.

An demselben Tage, durch Johannes R. Stoltzfus, Christian Glick mit Barbara Newhauser, beide von Ober Leacock Township.

Am 10 Februar, durch denselben, Jonathan Yoder von Leacock Township, mit Hannah Mast von Conestoga Valley, Carnarvon Township.

Am 15. Februar, durch Prediger Christian Ummel, Benueel Mast von Carnarvon Township, mit Sarah Stoltzfus von Salisbury Township.

Am 27. Januar, in Champaign County, Ohio, durch Prediger Johannes P. King, Levi J. King von Mifflin County, Pa., mit Barbara C. Yoder von Logan County, Ohio.

Wollen sie den Ehebund
 Nicht durchaus wie Pauli achten,
 Doch wollen die den Ehebund
 Mit der Hülfe Gottes betrachten.

Und dann, und dann, so wollen wir
 Den Bund vor Gott erneuern,
 Und ich und du, und du und ich,
 Die Lieb auf's neue feuern.

R. F.

NACHRUH AN DEN DAHINGESCHIEDENEN BRUDER H. T. M.

Ein guter Freund hat uns verlassen,
 Ein lieber Bruder ist nicht mehr,
 Wiewohl sein Sterben und Erblassen
 Ihn bracht' zum ew'gen Friedensheer;
 So ruft doch für dies Scheidungs-Ach
 Dir unser Herz ein'n Schmerzruf nach.

Nun aber ruhest du im Frieden
 In Gottes schönem Freuden-Reich,
 Wo dir ein sel'ger Ort beschieden,
 Wo du den lieben Engelein gleich.
 In ew'ger Freud' und Herrlichkeit
 Gott schauen wirst in Ewigkeit.

Wohl dir, du hast den Kampf gestritten,
 Den schweren Lauf der Lebensbahn;
 Doch endlich, da du ausgelitten,
 Kamst du ins Friedens-Canaan,
 Wo ew'ge Ruh' und Herrlichkeit,
 Dem treuen Kämpfer liegt bereit.

Zwar ist dein Trennen und dein Scheiden,
 Für uns ein schwerer Schmerz und Leid;
 Doch eingedenk der ew'gen Freude,
 Die dir zum Lohn jetzt liegt bereit:
 So gönnt dir unser Herz die Ruh'
 Wohl besser als das Bleiben zu.

So wollen wir uns wieder trösten Und hoffen, dasz auch eine Zeit
 Uns allesamt als die Erlosten Zusammen bringen wird, zur Freud'
 Der schonen himmlischen Welt, Wo ewig keine Thräne fällt.

Die Fünfte Aufgabe

Y y Y Isaac Jakob Thomas

M M Maria Naomi

P R S Paul Rachel Sarah

U V W Uria Vater Will

X Y Z Xavier Josef Zacharias

Bald werden wir Dichter und alte

Drucke Lesehefte hinein drucken. Habe acht!

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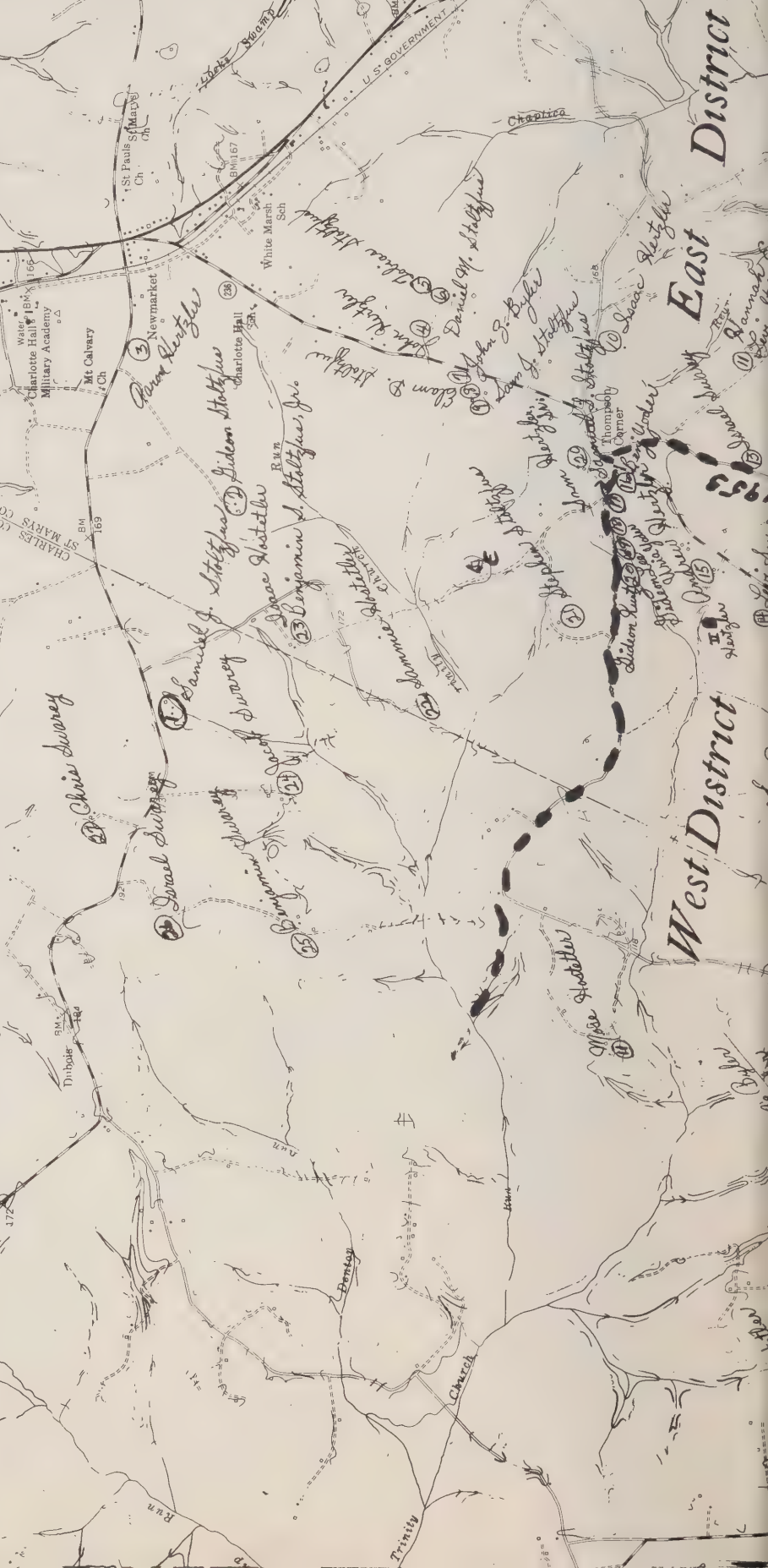
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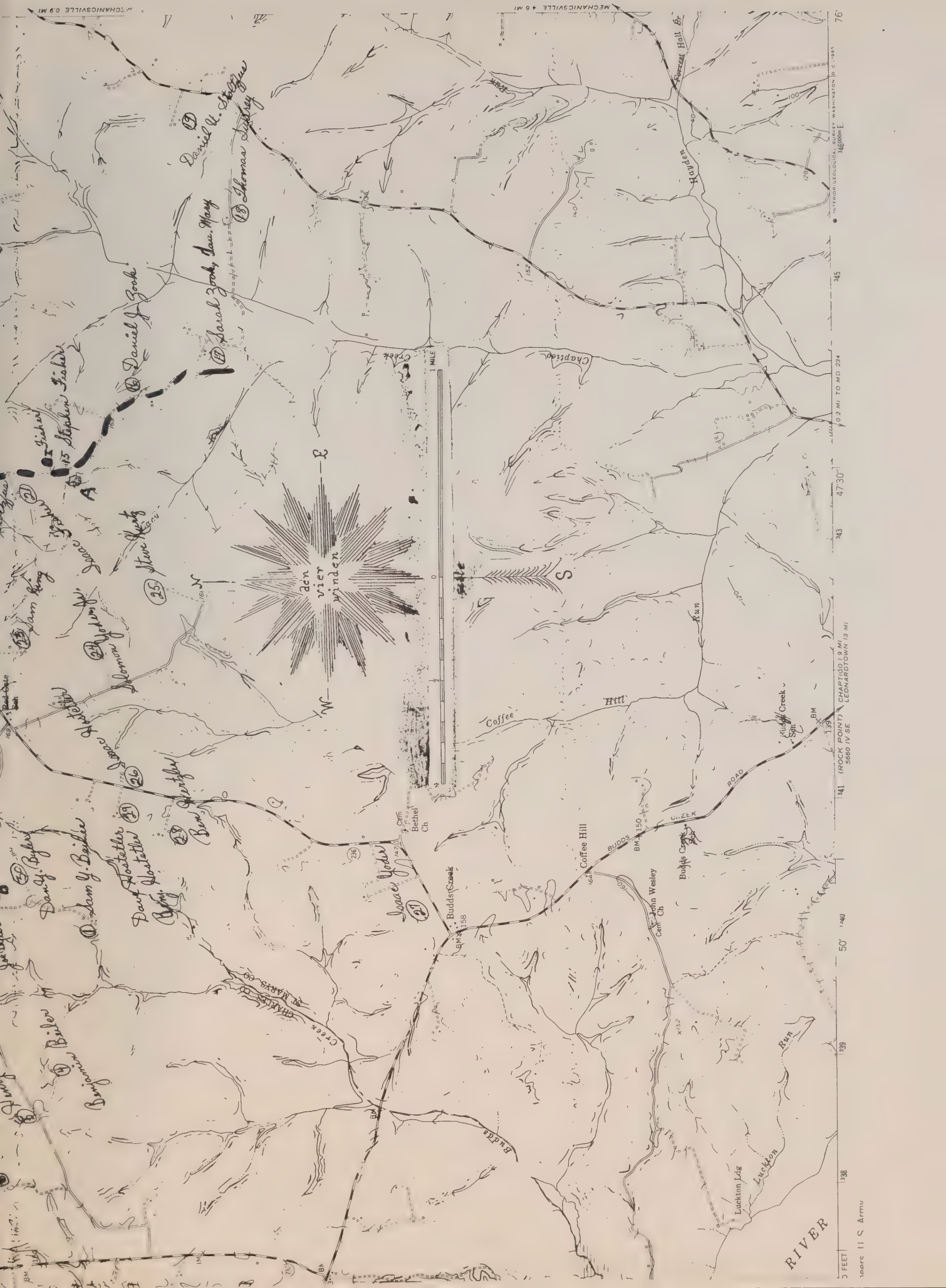
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9. Solly Kurtz (Jacob W 10) ----- Mary Stoltzfus (Amos L., Adams Co. Pa.)
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 Mary-Mechanicsville R2, E17
 Sarah-Mechanicsville R2, E17

DEATHS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

August 2, 1941 - Stephen F. Stoltzfus, 76, died of tick fever
 September 14, 1949 - Susie, widow of Stephen F. Stoltzfus, 80
 January 4, 1951 - Benjamin L. Stoltzfus, 62
 February 24, 1952 - Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Hertzler, 63
 February 26, 1954 - Arie, wife of Daniel Y. Beiler, 47
 October 4, 1954 - Joseph, son of Rufus Hostetters, 13 days
 July 4, 1955 - John L. Stoltzfus, 54
 July 6, 1955 - Stephen King, 72, buried in Lancaster County, Pa.
 August 23, 1957 - Daniel Zook, 74
 October 22, 1958 - Lizzie, wife of Mose Byler, 65
 January 22, 1959 - Bishop John B. Fisher, 69
 April 24, 1959 - Malinda, daughter of Uria Yoders, 7 days
 July 25, 1961 - Noah Byler, son of Chris E. Byler, 14, drowned
 July 25, 1961 - Daniel Esh, 24, drowned
 October 12, 1961 - Katie, widow of Daniel Esh, 22
 September 25, 1962 - Lydia, wife of David Hostetler, 57
 August 31, 1965 - Sarah, wife of Stephen Kurtz, 40
 November 1, 1965 - Noah Wengerd, moved in from North Carolina one month earlier
 June 21, 1966 - Davie Wengerd, son of widow Mary Wengerd, 21, died in operation
 December 21, 1966 - Henry, son of Isaac Hertzlers, 11, kicked by horse
 April 28, 1967 - Barbara, daughter of Benjamin Swareys, 34 days
 April 6, 1968 - Mose Byler, 73
 September 13, 1968 - Mary, widow of John B. Fisher, 78
 September 3, 1969 - Lydia, widow of Benjamin L. Stoltzfus, 79

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In November, 1947 Mose Bylers moved into the area and Noah Zooks moved to Oakland, Md. Samuel Hertzlers from Delaware bought Zooks' property and moved in 1948. There were more immigrants than are mentioned here and a lot of families moved in in the 40s so that by 1953 the church was divided into two districts. Benjamin L. Stoltzfus had died in 1951 and John Z. Byler was stricken with polio in the same month. There were a lot of weddings which also increased the number of families. Isaac L. Stoltzfus was ordained to the ministry to replace Benjamin L. so there were two ministers on each side. In the spring of 1954 Christ Hostetler was ordained in the east district and Henry Hertzler on the west side.

On July 4th, 1955 John L. Stoltzfus died suddenly after spending the day in the oats field and was found in the sheep pen. His age was 54 years. Two days later Stephen King died at the home of John N. Lee. In the fall of 1955 a deacon was ordained in the west district and the lot fell on Samuel S. Stoltzfus. The next spring Samuel J. Stoltzfus was ordained a minister in the east district.

Bishop John B. Fisher died from cancer on January 22nd, 1959. In February of that year Preacher Henry Hertzlers and Jacob Hertzlers moved to Canada. A year later Deacon Samuel S. Stoltzfus and family also moved to Canada but they returned the next year. Samuel Y. Beiler was ordained minister in Fisher's place in the spring of 1959 and Samuel J. Stoltzfus was ordained bishop the same spring. The next spring, 1960, Levi, son of Isreal Swarey was ordained in Henry's place. They also had bought Henrys' property and were living there. He had married Annie, daughter of Samuel R. Stoltzfus a year and a half earlier.

On July 25th, 1961 a very sad accident happened when Daniel Esh, 24, drowned while attempting to rescue Noah Byler 14, who also drowned. Noah was the son of Christ Byler who had moved in from Selinsgrove, Pa. Daniel was the son of John and Susie Esh and the husband of Katie, daughter of Sol Yoders and the father of two little boys. His wife was in ill health with rheumatic heart and died three month later, in October. The orphans were given a home and later adopted by Solly and Emma (Esh) Yoder, who were double siblings with Dannies.

In the spring of 1964 Preacher Isaac Stoltzfuses and quite a few other families moved to Adams County, Pa. close to Gettysburg. In that and the next year about seventeen families moved out. In the spring of 1966 Amos R. Stoltzfus was ordained to the ministry in the place left vacant by Isaac Stoltzfus.

In December of 1967 Preacher Christ Hostetlers had public sale and the next spring moved to Path Valley, Franklin County, Pa. with his son John and wife. John S. Stoltzfus and family also bought a farm the next spring and moved in April, 1969.

Lydia, wife of Benjamin L. Stoltzfus who was the pioneer here, died at the age of 79 years, 7 months and 24 days. Out of 30 families in her home church district she was either mother, grandmother, sister or aunt to all but nine families. In the other district we also have 30 families, with 8 being that near kin. That's almost half of the settlement. She has a lot of descendants, somewhere close to seventy grandchildren, many of whom are married, and close to 100 great-grandchildren.

This section of the country has made vast changes in the time since the Amish first moved in. Then, it seemed, we were the modern farmers. Some natives still used ox-carts or ox-teams and cars were few. Many had never seen a hay loader and tractors were scarce. A lot of the younger class had little interest in farming and went to town for a job, farms were left to grow up. Land prices were low, with woodland from 5 to 12 dollars an acre. Farm land was poor and sold for 10 to 25 dollars per acre. Now the price is from 200 to 700 depending on location. Farmers are big time operators with the latest in machinery. (Of course, many are tobacco farmers which doesn't take such equipment.) Taxes have increased accordingly and St. Mary's County, Maryland is no longer primitive.

On Saturday evening, May 13th, 1950, about 6 o'clock the Rufus Hostetler family was ready to sit down for supper when someone asked, "Where's Naomi?" She had been playing in the yard or lane when the men came in with the team from the fields for supper. They looked around the yard and lane but she was nowhere in sight. Calling her did not bring an answer. She was only two on May 1 so the family soon became alarmed. After desperate searching until dark, word was sent to the neighbors for help, then to the fire company and the state police. Of course all sorts of thoughts passed through the parents' minds. They continued walking and looking, feeling sure that she couldn't be far away. Several times someone thought they heard a child crying but just couldn't seem to locate it. Supper was forgotten. About 15 or 20 men and the fire patrol searched most of the night and the women also walked out again and again to help look for the missing child. The night was very cool and a heavy dew was on the grass. The men got wet walking through the grain field, but couldn't forget the little girl out in the dark somewhere, barefooted with no wraps. After midnight some went home to get some sleep, chore and return at day-break. On Sunday morning the sun came out nice and bright, a typical May morning in Southern Maryland. The National Guard was on the way and word was spread further around the neighborhood. Men ready to leave for church left the women go alone and went to help. Police flagged cars on Route 301 about ten miles away in search of volunteers. Around 5:00 or 5:30 a.m. at a culvert a footprint was found along an old logging road across the state road about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from home, so a group of men strung out to comb the woods. Dan Y. Byler, a neighbor who had helped search till around midnight and returned at daybreak, was in the string. After going about a mile they turned around to go back but Dan wasn't quite satisfied. He wanted to go a little further where he could see down from a hill through a draw

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Unsere Geistliche Bücher

Lasset das Wort Christi unter euch reichlich wohnen in aller Weisheit; lehret und vermahnet euch selbst mit Psalmen und Lobgesangen und geistlichen Liedern, und singet dem Herren in eurem Herzen.
Kolosser 3:16



Das 38. Lied, AUSBUND

Ein ander Lied hat Johannes Husz gemacht, welcher zu Constanz verbrennt ist worden, Anno 1415

1.
Als Jesus Christus, Gottes Sohn,
Mit seiner leiblichen Person
Von dieser Welt abscheiden wollt,
Und sprach zu seinen Jüngern hold:

2.
Ich geh zu Gottes Majestät,
Ihr aber hie solt warten stät,
Bis euch zuvor himmlische Kraft
Bestätige zur Ritterschaft.

3.
Die Jünger glaubten diesem Wort,
Blieben zusammen an ein'm Ort
Einträchtig nach Christlicher Weisz,
Beten zu Gott mit allem Fleisz.

4.
Nach Ostern am fünfzigsten Tag,
Den man den Pfingsttag nennen mag,
Neun Tag nach Christi Himmelfahrt,
Grosz Ding ihn'n wurden offenbahrt.

5.
Des Morgens um die dritte Stund,
Als sie baten aus Herzens Grund,
Da kam der Heilig Geist ins Haus,
Wie ein Sturmwind mit groszem Strausz.

6.
Sasz auf ein jeden unter ihn'n,
Gab allen ein rechtschaffnen Sinn,
Aus zu reden den Grund der Schrift,
Mit neuen Zungen unvergift.

7.
Auf diesen Sturm lief viel Volks zu,
Sie die Junger erregten früh,
Mit neuen Zungen grosze Ding
Ihr' Red vielen zu Herzen gieng.

8.
Derhalben etlich sprachen da,
Die Manner sind von Galilea,
Wie reden sie mit unser Sprach?
Und also grosze Ding anbracht.

9.
Etliche sprachen: Sie sind voll,
Und reden wie Trunk'nen toll;
Petrus aber voll Geistes Kraft
Gab ihn'n gar freudig Rechenschaft.

10.
Nahm Wort vor sich aus Joels Buch,
Auch aus dem Psalter manchen Spruch,
Redet dasz's durch die Herzen drang,
Und sie also zu reden zwang;

11.
O ihr Bruder nun rathet zu,
Wie wir kommen zu rechten Ruh,
Wir finden bey uns nichts dann Sünd,
Saget wer uns davon entbind.

12.
Petrus sprach: Bessert euer Thun,
Und glaubt in Christum, Gottes Sohn,
Bekennt ihn auch mit eurem Mund,
Laszt euch taufen auf seinen Bund.

13.
Sie Thaten wie ihn'n Petrus rieth,
Wandten vom Bosen ihren Tritt,
Glaubten und emfingen den Tauf,
Liefen ein'n gottseligen Lauff.

14.
Ey nun verleih uns, Heiliger Geist,
Dasz wir uns halten allermeist
Nach dieser ersten Kirchen-Weisz,
Dir Herre Gott zu Lob und Preisz.

The above hymn is perhaps the most well known and widely used Pfingst Lied or hymn for Pentecost in the church. Like many other hymns of the Ausbund it exploits a clear and rich meaning imbedded deep in the spirit. It is a faithful expounder of its text (Acts 1 & 2) from which each stanza carefully transforms its Master's teaching in rhyme form. The last stanza has a significant meaning which gives us a clear understanding of the new Trinity church.

To consume this hymn in letter form (buchstablich) alone, no one can obtain the full value of its treasures, neither as an individual inspiration nor in social soulfare can this be gained without the tune that goes with it. The old tune or slow tune to this hymn varies less in different sections than do some others. It is only reasonable to estimate that this hymn was sung in at least 200 meeting places this spring.

Adding to the spiritual value of this hymn, it is also one of the oldest, if not the oldest hymns in the Ausbund, and likely one of the oldest hymns yet in constant use in America.

It was written prior to the great reformation days and also before the Anabaptist movement, thus giving us more light on the dark era of international papist ruling (708-1525) where it also attaches us closer to the early apostle church in direct lineage, even if there are yet missing links in between.

The exact date of the writing of this hymn cannot yet be given. According to the super-scription of this hymn in the Ausbund we are affirmed by whom it was made and the date reads 1415 telling us that he died at the stake in that year. This author was born around 1380 and perhaps soon after the turning of the century did he conceive the new doctrine, and not until 1414 did he make ample influence to the general public to create any major disputation. At this time he was first turned over to inquisitors and was soon after committed prisoner. In this later period, most likely, this hymn was written. By the same way we don't know when it was first published nor how or when it found its way into the Ausbund. But through recent studies made by Nelson Springer,¹ we can learn that the first edition contained hymns made strictly by "den Schweitzer bruder in gefengkniss zu Passau," and these are believed to have been written as early as 1542.² The second edition of the Ausbund title page adds to the first one "und auch von andern rechtglabichen Christen hin un her gedicht worden"(1583). Here we can well suggest this as the time that this "Pfingst Lied" joined the Ausbund selections.

The hymn compilers of the "Unparteyisches Gesungbuch"(1804) and also the "Zions Harfe" (Franconia Mennonite version, 1804), have adopted this hymn for their "Liederbuchern," However, the "Evangelisch-Lutherische Gemeine Kirchenbuch" did not accept it.

Johannes Husz

John Huss was born in Hussenitz, Bohemia. He seems to have been from a prosperous family, acquired a good education in the early years of his life, and was later removed to the University of Prague. In 1398 he was chosen pastor of the church of Bethlehem in Prague and also dean of the university. Here he came in contact with the doctrines of John Wickliffe, an English Reformist, and it is believed that Huss carried the Wickliffe Doctrine to Bohemia.³ Here it so kindled the light of reformation that it began to shine in the darkest corners of papacy.⁴ John Huss was not only a strong believer of this new doctrine, but being a man of great fidelity, he likewise distributed it in the homes, on the streets as well as on the pulpit. He was a strong believer and a pious leader, which can be taken from the number of his followers. He maintained the articles of faith of John Wickliffe and as a leader he must have been successful in his time. Although after his death, as the group of his followers increased and in their way they grew popular, that some scattered branches of the Waldensians joined them. But in this union misunderstandings arose and arms were even drawn upon the latter from the former.⁵

All in all John Huss was steadfast in his accepted faith till the end. He died a martyr death at the stake after being accused of being a "ringleader of heretics." In religion he was of supernatural mind and sometimes referred to as being prophetic, as is displayed in his last trial he stated to the executioner that he is now getting ready to cook a goose but in a century you will have a swan which you can neither roast nor boil. Was this a foretelling of the Anabaptist movement which came to pass a little over a century later, or was it of Martin Luther who had a swan for his arms?

While the flames were applied to the fagots our martyr sang a hymn with so loud and cheerful a voice that he was heard through all the cracklings of the combustibles and the noise of the multitude until at length the fires choked his voice. But the spirit and his hymn did not yet burn away.

Joseph F. Beiler

¹Four Hundred Years with the Ausbund (1964) p32

²In 1537 a group of about sixty Anabaptists on their way from Moravia to Germany were seized in Passau and held for five years. The prisoners wrote about fifty one hymns. Mennonite Encyclopedia V4-p122. See also Martyrs Mirror.

³See Martyrs Mirror p336

⁴Fox Book of Martyrs p140

⁵Martyrs Mirror p337

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and then seeing the others had turned back he continued alone down to the hollow and coming around a bend he walked right to her sitting under a big tree in the grass in a nice spot. It was about 8:00 or 8:30 when he found her. Perhaps she had heard the men for she was sitting very still. Not wanting to frighten her, Dan stopped and waited a little while, for she had not seen him, then he called her name, "Naomi." When she looked around he asked her if she wants to go home. When she didn't answer he said, "Vit zu de Mam gay?" She nodded so he said, "Komm, ich nem dich zu de Mam." So she came to him and he carried her a little ways then called and said he found her. The good news was shouted from one to the next. Willing hands carried her till they met the father and brother Jake, then Jake carried her in. O what joy! unharmed except for some scratches. A neighbor drove them to the doctor for a check-up then home again where she slept most of the day.

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EARTHQUAKES.

"And there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places."
Matthew 24:7.

Earthquakes occur in direct fulfillment of our Saviour's prophecy as quoted in this text. Like the other calamities which have come upon the earth, we may expect that they will become more frequent and destructive as we near the end. History informs us that such has been the case, as shown by the following significant and important facts:--

From B. C. 1700 to A. D. 96, a period of 1,796 years, we read of only sixteen earthquakes, making an average of one in 112 years.

From A. D. 96 to A. D. 1850, a period of 1,754 years, about the same length of time as given in the first period, there were 204 earthquakes, giving one to every eight years.

From 1850 to 1865, a period of fifteen years, there were fifteen earthquakes, or one for each year.

From 1865 to 1868, a period of three years, there were fifteen earthquakes, or an average of five for each year.

Professor Fuchs states that in the year 1885 there occurred 97 earthquakes, and that there were 104 during the year 1886.

Chamber's Encyclopedia says, "It is estimated that 13,000,000 people have perished by earthquakes."

The Christian Statesman of July 17, 1875, says: "The continual occurrence and great severity of earthquakes have distinguished the period in which we are now living above all others, since the records of such a phenomena began to be generally perceived."

D. T. Taylor, in "The Coming Earthquake," states that in the single year of 1868, over 100,000 persons perished by earthquakes. In January, 1869, there were eleven earthquakes, two of them great and destructive.

Referring to the great earthquake of 1868, Zell's Cyclopedia says that in the Sandwich Islands and on the west coast of South America, it was one of the most destructive recorded in history. From Callao to Iquique the whole coast of Peru was destroyed. Immense tidal waves swept the coast. It is calculated that 30,000 persons perished in South America as a result of this earthquake.

The catalogue of the British Society mentions more than 600 earthquakes between the years 1606 and 1872.

Several severe earthquakes, and many of less consequence, have been experienced in the United States, increasing in frequency.

Among the most violent may be mentioned the one which occurred in the years 1811-12, the facts in regard to which are taken from "Great Events of the Greatest Century."

This earthquake was felt along the Mississippi River, from the mouth of the Ohio to that of the St. Francis, a distance of about three hundred miles. Thence it swept eastward, and died along the shores of the Atlantic. This may be described as a series of earthquakes; for the first shock was felt in December, 1811 and the last in February, 1812, thus covering a period of over two months.

The water of the Mississippi River, which was tolerably clear before, changed to a reddish hue from the mud thrown up from the bottom. Wide fissures opened along the shore, and, closing again, threw water and mud higher than the tops of the trees. Boatmen pushed off from the shore to avoid the peril on the land, and many of them were overwhelmed in the surging, foaming waters, which sometimes rose and fell several feet in a few moments. Others were carried inland by the rising waters, and were left high and dry when they receded.

Severe shocks have been felt in California, prominent among which were those of 1865 and 1868, the latter being particularly destructive. In San Francisco several buildings were thrown down, and many more made unsafe. The shock was also severe at Oakland, San Leandro, San Jose, and Redwood City. It was felt with more or less severity in other parts of the State.

A severe earthquake visited Charleston, S. C., in 1886, in which forty persons lost their lives, and \$5,000,000 worth of property was destroyed.

DISASTROUS EARTHQUAKES IN CALIFORNIA.

There have been other earthquakes causing greater loss of life, but one of the most destructive to property ever known was the great California earthquake of April 18, 1906.

This earthquake was confined to the coast counties of Central California, with San Jose as the center of disturbance. The principal damage done by it was in Napa and Sonoma Valleys, north of San Francisco, and the Santa Clara, Pajaro, and Salinas Valleys, south of San Francisco, together with the hills of the Inner Coast Range, extending from San Francisco, to Monterey. The principal cities and towns affected were San Francisco, Oakland, Santa Rosa, San Jose. The smaller towns of Santa Clara, Los Gatos, Gilroy, Palo Alto, Santa Cruz, Monterey, Watsonville, Pacific Grove, Salinas, Hollister, Redwood City, and Healdsburg also suffered severely.

The damage to property in San Jose amounted to about five millions of dollars. Nineteen lives were lost in that city. At Agnew's Asylum, a few miles to the north in the same county, 110 patients perished in the collapse of the buildings.

Santa Rosa, a city of about ten thousand people, suffered severely. About fifty lives were lost, and the destruction of property was very heavy, fire following the earthquake.

In the Sonoma Valley nearly all the towns were destroyed. Not one building was left standing in Sebastopol. Leland Stanford University at Palo Alto suffered severely, the damage being estimated at \$4,000,000.

The most terrible destruction both of life and property was at San Francisco, the metropolis of the State. As nearly as can be estimated, the property loss was \$350,000,000, while the loss of life has been placed at only 452. That it was not greater was owing, no doubt, to the fact that the earthquake occurred at an early hour in the morning, before the people were astir, and before the offices and business houses in the downtown sections, which suffered most severely from the earthquake, were occupied by the forces employed there.

Mr. P. Barrett, one of the editors of the San Francisco Examiner, describes the earthquake and his experience therein as follows:--

"I have seen this whole great horror. I stood, with two other members of the Examiner staff, on the corner of Market Street, waiting for a car. . . . One of my companions had told a funny story. We were laughing at it. We stopped--the laugh unfinished on our lips.

"Of a sudden we found ourselves staggering and reeling. It was as if the earth was slipping gently under our feet. Then came a sickening swaying of the earth that threw us flat on our faces. We struggled in the street. We could not get on our feet.

"I looked in a dazed fashion around me. I saw for an instant the big buildings in a crazy dance. Then it seemed that my head was split with the roar that crashed into my ears. Big buildings were crumbling as one might crush a biscuit in one's hand. Great gray clouds of dust shot up with flying timbers, and storms of masonry rained into the street. Wild, high jangles of smashing glass cut a sharp note into the frightful roaring. Ahead of me a great cornice cut a man as if he were a maggot--a laborer on his way to the Union Iron Works with a dinner pail on his arm.

"Everywhere men were on all-fours in the street, like crawling bugs. Still the sickening, dreadful swaying of the earth continued. It seemed a quarter of an hour before it stopped. As a matter of fact, it lasted about three minutes. Footing grew firm again, but hardly were we on our feet before we were sent reeling again by repeated shocks, but they were milder. Clinging to something, one could stand.

"The dust clouds were gone. It was quite dark, like twilight. But I saw trolley tracks uprooted, twisted fantastically. I saw wide wounds in the street. Water flooded out of one of them. A deadly odor of gas swept out of another. Telegraph poles were rocked like matches. A wild tangle of wires was in the street. Some of the wires wriggled and shot out blue sparks.

"From the south of us, faint, but all too clear, came a horrible chorus of human cries of agony. Down there in a ramshackle section of the city the wretched houses had fallen in on the sleeping families. Down there throughout the day a fire burned the great part of whose fuel is too gruesome a thing to contemplate.

"That was what came next--the fire. It shot up everywhere. The fierce wave of destruction had carried a flaming torch with it--agony, death, and a flaming torch. It was just as if some fire demon was rushing from place to place with such a torch."

A little different phase of this terrible catastrophe is described by Charles Morris, LL.D., in "The San Francisco Calamity," as follows:--

"On the 17th of April, 1906, the city was, as usual, gay, careless, busy, its people attending to business or pleasure with their ordinary vim, as inclination led them, and not a soul dreaming of the horrors that lay in wait. They were as heedless of coming peril and death as the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah before the rain of fire from heaven descended upon their devoted heads. . . .

"That night the people went, with their wonted equanimity, to their beds, rich and poor, sick and well alike. Did any of them dream of disaster in the air? It may be so, for often, as the poet tells us, 'coming events cast their shadows before.' But, forewarned by dreams or not, doubtless not a soul in the great city was prepared for the terrible event so near at hand, when, at thirteen minutes past five o'clock on the dread morning of the 18th, they felt their beds lifted beneath them as if by a Titan hand, heard the crash of falling walls and ceilings, and saw everything in their rooms tossed madly about, while through their windows came the roar of an awful disaster from the city without.

"It was a matter not of minutes, but of seconds, yet on all that coast, long the prey of the earthquake, no shock like it had ever been felt, no such sudden terror awakened, no such terrible loss occasioned as in those few fearful seconds. Again and again the trembling of the earth passed by, three quickly repeated shocks, and the work of the demon of ruin was done. People awoke with a start to find themselves flung from their beds to the floor, many of them covered with the fragments of broken ceilings, many lost among the ruins of falling floors and walls, many pinned in agonizing suffering under the ruins of their houses, which had been utterly wrecked in those fatal seconds. Many there were, indeed, who had been flung to quick if not to instant death under their ruined homes.

"Those seconds of the reign of the elemental forces had turned the gayest, most careless city on the continent into a wreck which no words can fitly describe. Those able to move stumbled in wild panic across the floors of their heaving houses, regardless of clothing, of treasures, of everything but the mad instinct for safety, and rushed headlong into the streets, to find that the earth itself had yielded to the energy of its frightful interior.

forces, and had in places been torn and rent like the houses themselves. New terrors assailed the fugitives as fresh tremors shook the solid ground, some of them strong enough to bring down shattered walls and chimneys, and bring back much of the mad terror of the first fearful quake. The heaviest of these came at eight o'clock. While less forcible than that which had caused the work of destruction, it added immensely to the panic and dread of the people, and put many of the wanderers to flight, some toward the ferry, the great mass in the direction of the sand dunes and Golden Gate Park."

"The earthquake proved but the beginning and much the least destructive part of the disaster. In many of the buildings there were fires, banked for the night, but ready to kindle the inflammable material hurled down upon them by the shock. In others were live electric wires which the stricken fugitives saw, here and there, in all directions around them, the alarming vision of red flames curling upward and outward, in gleaming contrast to the white light of dawn just showing in the eastern sky. Those lurid gleams climbed upward in devouring haste, and before the sun had fairly risen a dozen or more conflagrations were visible in all sections of the business part of the city, and in places great buildings broke with startling suddenness into flame, which shot hotly high into the air."

For three days the fire raged, and not until late Friday night was it brought under control. The water mains had been broken. Hence it was impossible to fight the fire in the usual way. In this emergency dynamite was used, and scores of buildings were destroyed in order to check the rapid progress of the flames, but not until an area approximately four miles square had been burned over, being practically the entire business part of San Francisco, together with many residences, including the home of the millionaires on Nob Hill.

"San Francisco's famous Chinatown, the greatest settlement of the Celestials on this continent, went down like a house of cards. When the earthquake had passed this den of squalor and infamy was no more. The Chinese theatres and joss-houses tumbled into ruins, rookery after rookery collapsed, and hundreds of their inhabitants were buried alive. Panic reigned supreme among the fugitives, who filled the streets in frightened multitudes, dragging from the wreck whatever they could save of their treasured possessions. Much the same was the case with the Japanese quarter, which fire quickly invaded, the people fleeing in terror, carrying on their backs what few of their household effects they were able to rescue.

"As for the people of Chinatown, however, no one knows or will ever know the extent of the dread fate that overcame them, for no one knows the secrets of that dark abode of infamy and crime, whose inhabitants burrowed underground like so many ants, and hid their secrets deep in the earth."

"W. W. Overton, of Los Angeles, thus describes the Chinatown dens and the revelations made by the earthquake and the flames:--

"'Strange is the scene where San Francisco's Chinatown stood. No heap of smoking ruins marks the site of the wooden warrens where the Orientals dwelt in thousands. Only a cavern remains, pitted with deep holes and lined with dark passageways, from whose depths come smoke wreaths. White men never knew the depths of Chinatown's underground city. Many had gone beneath the street level two or three stories, but now that the place had been unmasked, men may see where its inner secrets lay. In places one can see passages a hundred feet deep.

"'The fire swept this Mongolian quarter clean. It left no shred of the painted wooden fabric. It ate down to the bare ground, and this lies stark, for the breezes have taken away the light ashes. Joss houses and mission schools, groceries and opium dens, gambling resorts and theatres, all of them went. These buildings blazed up like tissue paper.

"'I saw hundreds of crazed yellow men flee,' says another writer. 'In their arms they bore opium pipes, money bags, silks, and children. Beside them ran the trousered women, and some hobbled painfully. These were the men and women of the surface. Far beneath the street levels in those cellars and passageways were other lives. Women, who never saw the day from their darkened prisons, and their blinking jailors were caught and eaten by the flames.'"

"On Portsmouth Square, the panic was indescribable. This old tree plaza, about which the early city was built, is now in the center of Chinatown, of the Italian district and of the 'Barbary Coast' the 'Tenderloin' of the Western metropolis. It is the chief slum district of the city. The tremor here ran up the Chinatown hill and shook down part of the crazy buildings on its southern edge. It brought ruin also to some of the Italian tenements. Portsmouth Square became the refuge of the terrified inhabitants. Out from their underground burrows like so many rats fled the Chinese, trembling in terror into the square, and seeking, by beating gongs and other noisemaking instruments, to scare off the underground demons. Into the square from the other side came the Italian refugees. The panic became a madness, knives were drawn in the insanity of the moment, and two Chinamen were taken to the morgue, stabbed to death for no other reason than pure madness. Here on one side dwelt 20,000 Chinese, and on the other thousands of Italians, Spaniards, and Mexicans, while close at hand lived the riff-raff of the 'Barbary Coast.'"

"Seemingly the whole of these rushed for that one square of open ground, the two streams meeting in the centre of the square, and heaping up on its edges. There they squabbled and fought in the madness of panic and despair, as so many mad wolves might have fought when caught in the red whirl of a prairie fire, until soldiers broke in, and, at the bayonet's point, brought some semblance of order out of the confusion of panic and terror."

EARTHQUAKE IN CHILI.

While the shock of San Francisco's disaster was still fresh in the public memory, cable dispatches from Chili reported that a similar catastrophe had befallen Valparaiso, a city of 160,000 inhabitants, and the most flourishing port of Western South America. According to a dispatch to the New York Herald, there were two distinct and terrific shocks, the second following almost instantly after the first, and completing the work of destruction. At eight o'clock the whole city seemed suddenly to swing backward and forward, and then came a sudden jolt of such mighty force that rows of buildings toppled to the earth as if made of brittle plaster. Whole rows of buildings went down in a few seconds.

At Valparaiso the rumble of the first two shocks lasted about three minutes. Then followed four other shocks in quick succession. The electric lights went out, the gas mains were broken, but the frightened people could see in the dusk the massive stone walls of the houses swaying and lurching like ships in a heavy sea. One edifice after another caved in, burying many of their occupants who had been unable to make their way to the streets. Fires started in various parts of the city, until it appeared from the harbor like a seething furnace, the ruins standing up blackly against the red glare. In a short time the entire business district of the city was in ruins. The water front began to sink, carrying down with it the stone docks and great warehouses that marked the commercial importance of Valparaiso.

Santiago and other smaller cities also suffered severely from this same earthquake. It is estimated that a thousand lives were lost in Valparaiso and Santiago, and that the money loss would exceed \$250,000,000, a much larger sum in proportion to the ability of the people to bear it than the loss suffered in San Francisco.

The editor of a religious weekly paper published in the heart of the earthquake district says:--

"These are days when the world has nearly forgotten God. . . . God has not forgotten those who have forgotten Him. He is endeavoring to bring the world to its senses, and to teach men the lesson upon which their eternal welfare depends."

"These destructive agencies are becoming alarmingly active, and the fact should cause sober reflections in the minds of thinking people. The Word of God will throw light in the situation to those who seek light from that source. It is the hour of God's judgment. The divine judgments are in the land, and the work of judgment must become more and more marked until the climax of God's controversy with sin in the earth is reached, and the day comes of the visible appearing of the Son of man in the clouds of heaven with His angels, to reap the harvest of the earth."

Certainly there is in all this something very suggestive of the words of the prophet:--

"The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; . . . and it shall fall, and not rise again. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. . . . Then the moon shall be confounded, and sun ashamed, when the Lord of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before His ancients gloriously." Isaiah 24:19-23.

The editor of the New York Witness, writes:--

"It is not pleasant writing to recount the horrors that have come upon the human race; yet there are times when it is in order, and now appears to me to be the occasion.

"The terrible catastrophe in California is upon the lips of most people. It will be a seven days wonder, and will then give way in the minds of the people at large to some other strange occurrence."

Jesus says: "All these things are the beginning of sorrows."

The sure word of prophecy informs us that just before the coming of our Lord from heaven, there will be an earthquake more awful than any that has been experienced since the "fountains of the great deep were broken up" at the flood. In this calamity the whole earth will be involved. "The foundations of the earth do shake. The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage." Isaiah 24:18-20.

The apostle-prophet John says of this earthquake: "There was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great." "And every island fled away; and the mountains were not found." Revelation 16:18, 20.

Very many texts in the Bible refer to this terrific convulsion which takes place in connection with the great day. Here is one passage: "The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of His people, and the strength of the children of Israel." Joel 3:16. On this point read carefully Ezekiel 39:19, 20.

May we have made our peace with God so that we may be "hid in the day of the Lord's anger." May ours be the experience foretold by David of this time: "A thousand shall fall at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked." Psalms 91:7, 8.

THE AMISH IN SOUTHERN MARYLAND

In 1937, under the democratic administration, an act of the general assembly was to raise the school term to nine months and the compulsory attendance law to 18 in city districts and to 15 in rural districts, if a permit was acquired for farm and domestic service. The compulsory attendance laws were held under strict enforcement, and this change in school term standards, compulsory age limits, etc. was disturbing to the Amish of Pequea Valley, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. So they formed an organization or delegation and appealed for opposition of such action in legislature by signing the following petition: We, the undersigned, as to the sincerity of our conscience, kindly request you to oppose all legislation pertaining to longer school term, a raising of the school age, and the teachers tenure bill. Yours respectfully, (signed by eight bishops).

In October, 1937 another petition was composed and signed by more than 3,000 persons, in which they certified that they could not conscientiously send their children into the world's nature and teachings until they were grown, and stated that "if we are granted eight months of schooling in a year, and the children are exempt when they get through the low grades and let us have the one room schoolhouses, and teach the truth, then we can with a free conscience send our children to public schools. We would be very thankful if the above would be granted." In November another plea was written and signed by 40 representatives, and presented and read to men of authority which reads in part:

"We, your humble subjects, the Old Order Amish Mennonites, the plain churches will hereby give you part of our confession of faith and of our misdoings. We believe in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and through Jesus Christ we shall have salvation and forgiveness of sins, and everlasting life if we love Him and keep His commandments. Jesus said, "We cannot serve God and mammon (worldly things)."

"We believe, and have evidence enough to believe, that if we let our children in public schools until they are grown it will get them to be devoted to worldly things, and will undermine our churches, in the way of bringing up our children as we understand the Bible. Now as it is, we do not blame the men of authority to bring all this over us. We admit we are the fault of it. We confess that we are too much devoted to worldly things and that the Lord has brought this over us to chastise us. We hope and wish to take this to heart and feel to do something about it, too. If we can be granted exemption on farm and domestic work when through the lower grades, we pledge ourselves to further bring our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and educate them for farm and domestic work and their own support." This was signed by Stephen F. Stoltzfus and 39 others. In the summer of 1939 a land agent from Maryland contacted Stephen and soon some men were exploring St. Mary's Co. Maryland. Soil samples were taken, school conditions were looked into, etc. Soon a few farms were bought and Stephen said at the last school meeting he attended in Pennsylvania, "I am moving to Maryland."

On January 16th, 1940 Benjamin L. Stoltzfus and wife, Lydia and four unmarried children moved to St. Mary's Co., Maryland to a farm about 2 miles west of New Market, consisting of about 500 acres. On January 18th John B. Fishers, also from Lancaster County moved to Maryland and on Sunday, the 21st went to Stoltzfus's for supper and they hadn't known they were moved. The 24th there came about 24 inches of snow which closed roads, followed by several weeks of cold weather.

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Six more families moved to Maryland that spring, namely: John L. Stoltzfus and wife, Hannah and nine children; Amos L. Stoltzfus and wife, Sarah and seven children; Elam D. Stoltzfus and wife, Mary (a daughter of Ben L.) and five children; Bishop Stephen F. Stoltzfus and wife, Susie (the parents of Ben L., Amos L., John L., and Mary, wife of John B. Fisher). Noah Zook and wife, Katie and two daughters; Isreal Swarey and wife, Gertrude and eight children (from Mifflin Co., Pa.).

On March 17th the first services were held at the home of Benjamin L. Stoltzfuses with eight families attending. Preacher Levi E. Stoltzfus and Bishop Jacob Stoltzfus from the home district in Lancaster County attended.

In May, 1941 John B. Fisher was ordained to the ministry.

Samuel R. Stoltzfus and wife, Barbara had moved in from Lancaster Co. in January, also Sol L. Yoders from Mifflin Co. in December. Isreal Yoders, Rufus and Dave Hostetters all from Mifflin Co. moved to Maryland in the early 40s.

The young settlement was sadly shocked in August when their leader, Stephen F. Stoltzfus (Steffy F.) died from tick fever. His age was 76. In October another minister was ordained namely, Isreal Swarey. In May of 1943, a deacon was ordained, the lot fell on Elam D. Stoltzfus. John B. Fisher was ordained bishop on October 2nd, 1943.

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Headlines of LEBANON DAILY NEWS, Friday, June 19, 1970

"Tornado Kills County Boy, Injures Five"

Thursday, June 18 was a warm but beautiful day, until late afternoon when the wind coming from the east grew stronger and stronger and finally met with dark rain-filled clouds from the west, thus forming a tornado, which did extensive damage. A 13-year-old boy was fatally injured when he was struck on the head by a beam. This happened on the farm of Paul Kurtz where 5 others were injured. Two were daughters of Kurtz; one was a brother to the boy who died; and the other two were there to do concreting. One of the little Kurtz girls was admitted to the hospital and reported to be in a satisfactory condition. The four others were treated and released. The Kurtz property was one of the hardest hit. The twister took the attic and part of the second story from their house and part of the barn roof and did much other damage including the milkhouse and heavy farm equipment. A concrete block silo cracked and was later toppled by workmen as a safety measure. At the home of Pre. Samuel K. Kauffman, it sheared the attic completely off the house, unroofed the barn and part of an almost new hog shed, and damaged other roofs and smaller buildings. In the neighborhood a trailer was practically shredded and its contents broken, tangled, and strewn. The occupants had fled only minutes before. A few other buildings in the area were ruined or damaged. Trees were uprooted, broken, or splintered, and fences were torn. Some cattle ran wild and a few were killed. There was debris hanging on a high-voltage power line. Pieces of metal roofing and bricks (both the Kurtz and Kauffman homes were of brick) were found in fields 3 miles away in a section where there was only minor damage such as to trees, windows, porch roofs, lawn equipment and dog houses. The tornado touched down over a 3-mile strip, then hit again about 5 miles away. The next day, the Amish and Mennonites were busy cleaning up and repairing at the Kauffman and Kurtz farms, the Kurtzs being Mennonites. Not far away a man named Garloff had to wait for insurance adjustments. Their house has miraculously escaped serious damage, but all their other buildings were ruined. As soon as they were allowed to go ahead, neighbors and friends, known and unknown, mostly Mennonites came and started a new barn. Thursday, one week after the storm they had a regular barn "raising." But this was nothing regular to the Garloffs. They were not accustomed to the goodwill which we take quite for granted. They were so touched they seemed overwhelmed with gratitude. They are quoted to have said, "How can we ever repay these people?" Dinner for the workers was prepared at a nearby home. The Garloffs remained at home while the others went to eat. A tray of food was taken along back for them. When presented to Garloff, he turned his back saying, "I can't eat." His wife spoke similarly. She was quite sick on the stomach--from gratitude!

INDIANA BOY KILLED BY PICKUP TRUCK

Lavern, son of Amos E. Lehman of Shipshewana R1, was killed Tuesday afternoon, May 26, when he ran in front of a pickup truck near his home. The three-year-old boy was pronounced dead at the scene by the County Corner. He suffered a broken neck. Lavern was playing along Road 500W, three miles east of Shipshewana, with his seven-year-old brother. He reportedly darted into the path of the truck. He is the grandson of Bishop Eli S. Lehman of LaGrange.

(See obituary)

PA. BOY DIED UNDER SACK OF RYE

John, 3-year-old son of Amos and Annie Esh, Lititz R2, died on Sun. eve. June 21, 1970. Apparently he was playing up in the barn in a pile of loose rye surrounded by hay bales with bags filled with rye on top of the bales. After searching for him about 20 or 30 minutes they found him face down on the pile of rye with a heavy bag on top of him. He was alone at the moment but formerly his brothers were playing with him.

(See obituary)



"Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen."
Matth 10:14



BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Allgyer, Benjamin S. (Annie F. Stoltzfus) Narvon R2, a son RAYMOND S., June 9
Beiler, Aaron E. (Elizabeth Esh) Christiana R1, a son DAVID, June 7
Beiler, Steven F. (Melinda Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1, a daughter SALLIE ANN, June 3
Esh, Elmer L. (Anna Smucker) Kinzers R1, a son JOHN RICHARD, June 13
Fisher, Amos L. (Lizzie Z. Zook) Gap R1, a son JONATHAN Z., June 3
Fisher, Gideon E. (Rebecca K. Esh) Ronks R1, a son GIDEON E. JR., June 12
Fisher, Jacob J. (Barbara K. Esh) Strasburg R1, a son ABNER, June 11
Fisher, John B. (Rachel B. Stoltzfoos) Quarryville R3, a son STEVIE S., June 23
Glick, Leroy E. (Savilla S. Beiler) 2457 Horseshoe Rd., Lancaster, a dau LINDA SUE, June 1
Glick, Moses B. (Sarah S. Lapp) Quarryville R3, a son SIMEON L., June 2
King, Daniel F. (Hannah B. Lapp) Strasburg R1, a daughter RACHEL, June 30
King, Jonas K. (Sarah Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son LEROY S., June 17
King, Jonas K. (Susie K. Lapp) 2008 Horseshoe Rd. Lancaster, a daughter MARY L., June 24
King, Samuel F. (Fannie Beiler) Ronks R1, twins RUTH and RACHEL, June 8
Lapp, Amos (Ruth Petersheim) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter, June 24
Lapp, John K. (Rebecca S. Smucker) Paradise R1, a son DAVID S., June 21
Miller, Henry R. (Lydia Glick) 2714 Creek Hill Rd., Lancaster, a son AMOS H., June 12
Petersheim, John D. (Lydia Stoltzfus) Paradise R1, a daughter NAOMI, June 9
Smucker, David B. (Susie B. Beiler) Ronks R1, a daughter LYDIA, June 13
Stoltzfoos, David B. (Emma Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1, a son DAVID LEE, June 18
Stoltzfus, John K. (Sarah Stoltzfus) Ronks R1, a son, June 2
Stoltzfus, John K. (Lydia S. Fisher) Bird-in-Hand, a daughter LYDIA F., June 8
Stoltzfus, Stevie S. (Annie Z. Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R1, a son WILMER S., June 8
Yoder, Samuel K. (Sarah Beiler) 242 Pitney Rd., Lancaster, a son DANIEL B., June 18
Zook, David S. Jr. (Elizabeth K. Esh) New Holland R1, a son DANIEL E., June 3

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Swarey, Pre. David R. (Fannie Peachey) a son NOAH, May 27
Troyer, Aden (Mary Weaver) a daughter ESTHER, April 27

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Wengerd, Eli M. (Mary Zook) Belleville, a son ELI, June 16

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Yoder, Herman (Mary Kinsinger) a son ELVIN MENNO, June 6
Yoder, Lewis (Annie Yoder) a daughter RHODA, June 21

St. Mary's County, Maryland

Fisher, Isaac (Sarah Swarey) Mechanicsville R2, a daughter ANNIE, June 24
Hertzler, Andrew (Sarah Stoltzfus) Mechanicsville R2, a son GIDEON, June 18
Stoltzfus, Tobias (Katie Hostetler) Mechanicsville R2, a daughter BARBARA, June 18

Holmes County, Ohio

Frey, Mr. and Mrs. Paul J., Millersburg R4, a son
Mast, Mr. and Mrs. Dan E., Mt. Hope, a son
Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Dan, Millersburg, a son
Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Eli, Dundee, a son
Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd, Sugarcreek R2, a daughter
Raber, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph, Millersburg R5, a daughter
Schlabach, Mr. and Mrs. Albert, Fredericksburg, a son
Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis, Fredericksburg R2, a son
Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Dan, Sugarcreek R2, a son
Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert, Baltic R1, a daughter
Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin, Millersburg R5, a son

Daviess County, Indiana

Lengacher, Harold (Mary Catherine Yoder) a son MARVIN, June 10
Wagler, Arthur (Alta Knepp) a son GLENN, June 4

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Bontrager, Amos (Wilma Miller) Shipshewana R1, a son DANIEL A., June 4
 Bontrager, Monroe (Mary Shrock) LaGrange R1, a daughter IRENE, April 29
 Bontrager, Ora H. (Alma Miller) LaGrange R4, a son GLEN O., June 2
 Detweiler, Joe (LaVerda Yoder) Shipshewana R1, a son LELAND RAY, June 10
 Frey, Richard (Barbara Miller) LaGrange R1, a daughter LAVERA, May 2
 Fry, Ervin (Barbara Frey) Topeka R2, a son OLEN JAY, May 23
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 Miller, Alvin (Emma Miller) Topeka R2, a son VERLIN RAY, May 14
 Miller, Dennis (Barbara Mast) Shipshewana R2, a son LAVERN D., June 19
 Miller, John (Viola Lambright) Topeka R2, a son MERLIN J., May 18
 Miller, Tobias (Esther Hochstetler) Shipshewana R2, a daughter ERMA T., June 3
 Mullett, Enos (LeAnna Shrock) Shipshewana R2, a son ORVIN E., May 25
 Mullett, LeRoy (Lizzie Raber) LaGrange R4, a daughter MATTIE ELLEN, May 28
 Petersheim, Melvin (Ida Hochstetler) Topeka R2, a son ELMER, May 6
 Petersheim, Menno (Ida Gingerich) Middlebury R1, a daughter RACHEL, June 17
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 Yoder, Levi M. (Sadie Mullet) Topeka R2, a son RAYMOND L., June 14
 Yoder, Lloyd (Katie Miller) Middlebury R1, a son MERLIN L., June 12
 Wengerd, Andrew (Lydia Mae Miller) LaGrange R1, twins ROY and ROSANNA, June 21

Arthur, Illinois

Diener, Lewis (Treva Yoder) a daughter Rebekah, June 24
 Miller, Harvey M. (Mary B. Kuhns) a son STEVEN RAY, June 4
 Schrock, Ben N. (Lena Schlabaugh) a son FREDDIE JOE, Jay 29

Johnson County, Iowa

Coblentz, Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. a daughter GENEVA GRACE by adoption, born in Dec. 1969
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Jay, a daughter ROSETTE ARLENE, by adoption, born September 26, 1969

Mt. Elgin, Ontario

Stutzman, Jake (Barbara Kramer) a son LESTER, June 2
 Stutzman, Levi (Esther Graber) a son DAVID, May 17

MARRIAGES

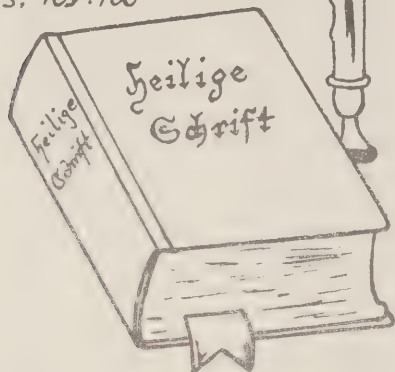
Aylmer, Ontario, Canada

Elmo, son of Peter and Anna Stoll and Elizabeth, daughter of Solomon and Sarah Miller on June 4.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Ray, son of Amos Bontrager of Haven, Kansas and Susie, daughter of Jonas L. and Mary (Frye) Weaver of Topeka, May 14
 Levi, son of Jonas L. and Mary (Frye) Weaver, Topeka and Lizzie, daughter of Henry C. and Susan (Knepp) Yoder, Middlebury R2, May 14
 Amos C., son of Shris and Fannie (Schlabach) Christner, Wolcottville and Fannie, daughter of Dan Miller of Allen County, May 10
 LeRoy, son of Omer and Barbara (Frey) Lambright, Topeka and Anna, daughter of Amos and Mary (Miller) Schlabach, Topeka, May 21
 William J., son of John and Verna (Miller) Eash, Rome City and Ameliz, daughter of Neal and Katie (Yoder) Yoder, Topeka, May 21
 Phillip, son of Virgil and Lena (Hochstetler) Yoder, Mendon, Michigan and Esther Ellen, daughter of Elmer and Viola (Yoder) Bontrager, LaGrange, May 21
 Daniel, son of Ben and Lizzie (Miller) Hershberger, Topeka and LeAnna, daughter of Ervin and Fannie (Troyer) Schlabach, Topeka, May 28
 Alvin, son of David J.R. and Mattie (Hershberger) Miller, Middlebury and Lydia Mae, daughter of Levi and Annie (Shrock) Yoder, Topeka, May 28
 Wilbur, son of Amos and Lizzie (Hochstetler) Lehman, Shipshewana and Lizzie, daughter of Ervin J. and Lizzie (Yoder) Miller, Topeka, June 4
 Simon, son of Menno and Mary (Schmucker) Hershberger, LaGrange and Mary Ellen, daughter of Ammon and Alma (Bontrager) Miller, Shipshewana, June 4
 Noah, son of Vic Yoders of Hicksville and Sara Mae, daughter of David and Anna (Yoder) Troyer, Topeka, June 3
 Milo, son of Walter Helmuths of Nappanee and Amanda, daughter of Melvin and Susie (Miller) Raber, Topeka, June 11
 Richard, son of Amzie and Edna (Miller) Troyer, LaGrange and Mary, daughter of Harvey and Rosa (Miller) Lambright, LaGrange, June 18
 Paul, son of Harry and Sophie (Burkholder) Helmuth, Bremen and Lena Mae, daughter of Dan and Katie (Eash) Hochstetler, Topeka, June 25
 William, son of Joe and Clara (Hershberger) Wengerd, LaGrange and Edna, daughter of Mrs. Anna Miller, LaGrange, June 25

Dein wort ist...
ein licht auf
meinem wege
Ps. 109:105



ORDINATIONS

On May 3rd in Amos Yoder district, Christy V. Yoder was ordained deacon. He is 28 years old and the son of Joe C. Yoder of Iowa. He is married to Mary, daughter of John Yoder also of Iowa. They have two children; Address, LaGrange R1.

On May 3rd, Jos. S. Bontrager was ordained bishop in Forks district. He is 66 years old and their address is Middlebury R1.

In Clinton district on May 10th, Jesse Schlabach, 37, was ordained bishop. He is a son of Osa Schlabach and is married to Rosa, daughter of Chris Hochstetler. Their address is Goshen R1.

On May 10th, Perry Otto was ordained deacon. He is 38 and the son of Milt Otto and married to Edna, daughter of Levi J. Miller; Address, Middlebury R1.

Dan D. Miller, 62, was ordained deacon in Abe Mast district on May 10th. His wife is Susie Mast and they live on Topeka R1.

On May 24th, Elmer Bontrager, 34, was ordained minister in Jacob S. Miller district. He is married to Katie, daughter of Mrs. Mary Eash. He is the son of Mahlon Bontrager and their address is LaGrange R1.

OBITUARIES

Barkman, Samuel, 84 of LaGrange, Indiana

died May 11 following an illness of one month. He was born Sept. 4, 1885 in Holmes Co. Ohio. He married Magdalena (Plank) Coblentz, Dec. 23, 1920. Surviving are his wife and 6 sons: William H., Burton, Ohio; Monroe, Topeka; Enos, Middlefield, Ohio; Samuel Jr., Hicksville, Ohio; Melvin, Goshen and Jacob, Sugarcreek, Ohio; 3 daughters; Mrs. Milo (Alta) Yoder, Mantau, Ohio; Mrs. Jacob (Emma) Yoder, LaGrange; Mrs. Lee (Mary Kathryn) Miller, Nappanee; one step daughter, Mrs. Joe E. (Edna) Miller, LaGrange and one sister, Mrs. Mary Seevers, Hicksville, Ohio.

Bender, Mrs. Emory (Sibyl) aged 85 yr., 9 mo., 16 days of Johnson County, Iowa

was born Aug. 14, 1884 and died May 30, 1970. Funeral sermon by Jonas Beachy and Enos Swartzendruber. Services were held at the Earl Beachy home where she had her home.

Ebersol, Eli, aged 61 yrs. and 5 mos. of Eby Road, Leola, Pennsylvania

died at his home Monday P.M. June 1. Death was caused by a heart attack. He was found lying in the garden by a passing motorist. Born in Upper Leacock Twp., a son of the late Jonas and Lydia Miller Ebersol, he was the husband of Sadie L. Stoltzfus Ebersol. Surviving also are 2 daughters and 8 sons; Katie, wife of Ezra Fisher, Lititz; Jonas, Samuel and Eli of Gordonville R1; Jacob B., Millport Rd., Lancaster; Susie, at home; Isaiah and Elam, both of Leola R1; Amos, Ronks R1; and John, Bird-in-Hand R1; 1 brother, John, Bird-in-Hand R1; 3 sisters, Mary, Barbara and Lydia Ebersol, all of Leola and 28 grandchildren. Services were held at the house by Christian Esh, Hymn by Deacon Christ S. Lapp. Further services were held at the home of Christian E. Riehl by John Allgyer Jr. and Aaron Esh; Hymn by Deacon Jacob A. King; Hymn at graveyard by Deacon John K. Stoltzfus; Burial at Myers.

Esh, John, aged 3 yrs., son of Amos and Annie (Stoltzfus) Esh, Lititz R2, Pennsylvania

died June 1. He is survived by his parents, 3 brothers and 1 sister. Funeral services were held at the house by David Riehl and Samuel Fisher both of Nine Points. Burial was at the new graveyard in Upper Millcreek. Hymn by Henry Stoltzfus "Ich War Ein Kleines Kindlein."

Helmuth, Mrs. Chris (Mary) aged 81 Yr. 6 mo. of Johnson County, Iowa

died June 11 and is survived by 6 sons and 2 daughters. She was born Nov. 18, 1888. Funeral services were held by Bish. Truman Miller and Chris Miller in the house and in the barn by Jonas Helmuth of Hazleton and Lester B. Miller of the home church.

Lehman, Lavern, aged 3, of Shipshewana, Indiana

was killed May 26. He was a son of Amos E. Lehman and was born September 18, 1966. Surviving besides the parents are three sisters, Anna, Elsie Alta and one brother, Glen all at home, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli S. Lehman, LaGrange, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Farmwald of Shipshewana, and his great-grandmothers, Mrs. Anna Lehman of LaGrange and Mrs. Susan Christner of Shipshewana.

Miller, Jacob S., aged 82 of Topeka R2, Indiana

died May 3, following an illness since February. He was born in LaGrange County on August 12, 1887 and married Feb. 9, 1909 to Katie Miller who preceded him in death in 1956. He was ordained minister in 1934 and bishop in 1939. Surviving are one son, Samuel J. of LaGrange R1; three daughters, Mrs. Ervin (Polly) Lehman, Topeka R1; Mrs. Mose (Anna) Mast, LaGrange R1; Mrs. Willard (Ella) Miller, Topeka R2; 35 Grandchildren and 70 great-grandchildren.

Miller, Mary D., aged 74 of Baltic R1, Ohio

died at her residence after a lengthy illness. She was born in Holmes Co., a daughter of the late Joni J. and Elizabeth (Schlabach) Yoder. Her husband, the late David M. Miller died in 1957. She is survived by 4 daughters, Mrs. Andy A. (Lizzie Ann) Yoder, Millersburg R5; Mrs. John E. (Katie) Hershberger, Baltic R1; Mrs. Monroe L. (Susie) Yoder, Sugarcreek R2; Mrs. Jacob A. (Mary) Miller. ~~at~~ home; 3 sons, Eli D. Holmesville R1; Jacob D. Dalton R2; and Roy D. of Millersburg R3; 1 brother, Jacob J. Yoder, Sugarcreek R2; 43 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren. One sister is deceased. Funeral services were held by Bishop Dan N. Yoder; Burial in the Miller family cemetery in Clark Twp.

Miller, Mary J., aged 86 of Topeka R2, Indiana

died May 5, after an illness of two years. She was born in Holmes County, Ohio on Sept. 24, 1883. She was married to Roman Miller. Surviving are four sons, Henry J., Sarasota, Fla.; Freeman R., Topeka R2; Roman Jr., Goshen; and Leander R., Hicksville, Ohio; one sister, Mrs. John B. (Sarah) Yoder, Plain City, Ohio; one brother, Mose M. Coblentz, Chateau, Okla.; six grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Miller, Mrs. Sarah, aged 96 of Millersburg R5, Ohio

died Monday morning, June 22, at her residence after a long illness. She was born in Holmes County to Ben and Anna Garver Weaver. Her husband, Dan J. Miller, died in 1963. Surviving are four daughters: Mrs. Eli J. (Anna) Miller, Millersburg R5; Mrs. Joe P. (Ada) Schrock, Millersburg, R4; Mrs. John P. (Mattie) Troyer, Sugarcreek R2; and Mrs. Dan B. (Katie) Kauffman, Dundee R1; three sons: Joe D. Miller, Millersburg, Star Route; Levi D., Millersburg R4; and John D. Miller, Wilmot, Star Route; two brothers: John W. Weaver and Sam B. Weaver, Millersburg R5; forty-six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. One son, four sisters, and four brothers died previously. Funeral services held by Bishop Roy R. Schlabach.

Petersheim, Katie, aged 63 of East Eby Rd. Leola, Pennsylvania

died Monday, June 15 at the home of her sister, Miss Emma P. Petersheim where she resided for the past three years. She died from a heart attack and was found lying on the kitchen floor by her sister when she came home from work. The doctor thought she may have been there a few hours. She was born July 6, 1906 and her age was 63 yrs., 11 mos. and 9 days. She was the daughter of the late John D. and Susie Petersheim and is survived by 7 sisters, Mrs. Mary Stoltzfus, Mrs. Benjamin (Annie) Esh, Sarah, Mrs. Joel (Susie) King and Emma all of Leola R1; Mrs. John M. (Rachel) Glick, Lancaster R4; Mrs. John Z. (Fannie) Esh, Ronks R1; also one brother, Ben Petersheim, Lancaster R4. Funeral services at the home were held by Aaron Esh, Hymn by Henry Esh. Further services were held at the home of Christian E. Riehl by David Smoker of Lebanon and John P. Esh; Hymn by Deacon Jacob L. Stoltzfus; Hymn at cemetery by David Lapp of Lebanon; Burial in Myers Cemetery.

Stoltzfus, Samuel L., aged 87 yrs., 7 mos. and 27 days, of Gordonville R1, Pa.

died Monday, June 29 at his home. He had been under the care of a physician. Born in Leacock Twp. he was a son of the late Gideon and Sarah Lapp Stoltzfus. His wife, Salome (Fisher) Stoltzfus, died Dec. 10, 1969. Surviving are five children: Sadie, wife of Amos E. King, Ronks R1; Miss Elizabeth Stoltzfus, at home; Mamie, wife of Christ L. Kauffman, Paradise R1; Sylvan F. and Gideon B., both of Gordonville R1; 34 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Sallie Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1; Funeral services were held by Amos M. Stoltzfus and Bishop Christ M. Fisher; Hymn by John K. Lapp; Burial at Gordonville Cemetery.

Stutzman, Lela, infant daughter of John J. and Annie J. (Schrock) Stutzman, Arthur, Illinois died a few hours after birth.

Swarey, infant son of Sam F. and Sallie (Byler) Swarey of Juniata County, Pennsylvania was stillborn June 24 and was buried in Amish Van Wert Cemetery.

Wagler, Victor aged 76, of Loogootee R2, Indiana

died unexpectedly at a Loogootee business establishment at 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 16. He was born in April of 1894, the son of John and Lydia (Knepp) Wagler. His wife, Anna Kemp Wagler, whom he married on Sept. 14, 1915; is living. He also leaves four sons, Abraham Wagler, Loogootee R2; Andrew Wagler, Nappanee, Indiana; Noah and Herbert Wagler, both of Odon; two daughters, Mrs. Joel (Mary) Otto, Phoenix, Arizona and Mrs. Raymond (Evelyn) Stoll, Loogootee R2; 31 grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Amanda Swartzentruber, Loogootee R2. Funeral services were held by Ora Knepp and Paul Stoll; Burial in Waglers.

Wengerd, Miriam, daughter of David and Emma (Peachey) Wengerd, Belleville, Pa.

died June 11 five hours after birth. Surviving are her parents and 3 sisters.

Yoder, Andy I., of Millersburg R1, Indiana

died May 28. He was born in Reno County, Kansas, Feb. 22, 1897 and was a son of Isaac and Anna (Eash) Yoder. He married Lizzie Yoder, May 23, 1917. She died in January, 1939. He married again March 19, 1940 to Mary E. Miller, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Elam (Mary) Bontrager, Millersburg, and Rosa at home; two brothers, John, Middlebury and Levi, Shipshewana; one sister, Mrs. Mary Hochstetler, Nappanee and five grandchildren. One son, John A. preceded him in death, January, 1939.

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From a Farm Ledger of 1870
 "Charght for 3 bu Wheat, \$3.75
 Charght for oats and corn, 1.25
 Charght for Broomhandles, .65
 To 4 Days Haymaking, 7.00"

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania by Eli S. King and Levi L. Stoltzfus

Weather report for East Intercourse area: The first two days of June were clear with a south wind. The four days following it rained some every day. The next week was very good hay weather. The third week was wet and cloudy till Friday A.M. when it cleared off with a west wind, drying some hay that was cut a week earlier. Saturday was very nice and a lot of hay was put into the barns. Sunday, the 21st came in a little cloudy and soon started to rain. It rained 1.4 inches in the A.M. followed with 5 inches in the evening. We had fair weather throughout the last week. Total rainfall was 5.6 inches.

We had 6.8 inches of rainfall in the Bareville area. Potatoe price: \$4.75 Cwt.; Eggs, .41 doz.; Fat Hogs, 26.50 Cwt.; Veal, 52.00 Cwt.; 40 lb. shoats, .54 lb.; Fat steers, 32.00 Cwt.; Wheat, 1.40 bu.; Corn, 1.70 Cwt.; Ear corn, 48.00 Ton; Oats, 3.30 Cwt.; Barley, 1.15, bu.

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

We had over 7 inches of rainfall in June, most of it coming in heavy showers. On June 12 we had a thunder shower late afternoon in which Amos Esh lost 5 head of cattle, but this was minor compared to the storm damage 6 days later, June 18 when we had a tornado storm (See front page). During the storm it was darker than some nights. When the darkness passed, there was a dense whiteness so that one could not see farther than when it was dark. Later in the evening another dark cloud approached, but brought only mild rain. Before the later rain, the southeast sky was nearly covered with many, many little clouds rolling and tumbling into each other, being drawn toward three different points which were probably tornadoes high overhead. It was a very unusual but interesting sight. There was about 1½ inches of rain during the storm, coming nearly to 2 inches till the evening was over. Other areas of the county had only a sprinkling of rain. About 12 hours before the storm or an hour before daybreak, we also had a shower of about an inch of rain accompanied by very heavy thunder. Many of the barley fields in the county are partially flattened because of the frequent heavy rains. Some have as much as 30 to 50% of it down.

Centre County, Pennsylvania by Henry F. Beiler

Most of the hay is put away. Some was out for about a week due to wet weather but a lot of good hay was put up. Second cutting alfalfa will soon be ready to cut. Oats is out in heads. Barley is being cut. We have good growing weather.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania by David Y. Renno

Total rain during June was 7.1 inches; total precipitation for the year was 23.02, an excess of 5.15 inches for the year. Temperature was about normal, only a few haying days in June. We have had no hay week as usual in June. This has been a wet, late summer. Much oats was sown in May, much corn planted in June and much mixed hay will be made in July. The crops are all good to excellent. A good stand of corn and oats but very weedy. The 17-year locust are with us this summer. Many trees in the woods are brown now with their stings. Not much damage by black birds to fruit as they are eating locust this summer. All fruit trees are loaded but sweet cherries are rotting before they are ripe because of wet weather. Strawberries and raspberries are very plentiful. Wheat is one week later than some years and is standing nicely but spelts and barley are badly lodged, also all hay is down flat.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania by Catherine Swarey

The month of June was rather cool with many thunder showers, 5 inches of rain and very good growing weather. First cutting alfalfa and hay have been put away, a good crop, only some got too much rain after cutting to make good hay. Barley is cut and on shock. Corn is more than knee-high. Cherries and strawberries were a good crop, but did not keep as well as some years on account of rains.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania by Abe S. Kinsinger

Very good growing weather with 5.8 inches of rain for June. This varies in different sections. A lot of hay was caught in rain, but a lot of nice hay was put away. Hay was a good crop, corn and oats are looking good. Fat hogs are priced around \$25.50.

St. Mary's County, Maryland by Amos R. Stoltzfus

June started in warm and a little dry. We had a little rain the 6th and .2 on the 13th, the 16th .3 inches. It was very warm and humid the 17th with another .2. The next day we had a thunderstorm early in the morning. Then the 21st (Sunday) it rained $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches with a heavy thunderstorm. We had no rain since and it is pretty dry again. The 29th it was 50 degrees in the morning. The next day it went to 98 and was humid. Thrashing is in full swing.

Holmes County, Ohio by David E. Miller

We had a hard rain, also thunder and lightning. The lightning killed 4 heifers for my neighbor, Monröe E. Miller, also burned 5 barns down. Lightning struck 5 times in Mose P. Miller's barn that morning when it burned down which is something unusual. Some places they had 3 inches and some places 5 inches of rain. Lots of hay was left in the field for a whole week before it was picked up. On June 25 farmers started to cut barley and most farmers are finished making hay. Cherries are starting to ripen.

LaGrange County, Indiana by Ervin Hochstetler

The first week in June was cool and wet, then turned warm and day the second week which was good hay weather. The 19th was cool with a light frost on some low ground. Total rainfall was 3.2 inches. Crops all look good, some wheat is cut and in shocks. The last day of June was the hottest with temperature up to 95 degrees.

Daviess County, Indiana by Lester Marner

We have been having cool nights in June. Threshing of wheat is beginning. A lot of corn has been too wet. Milk is \$4.50 per 100; Hogs are \$24 to \$25 and rising. Wheat is \$1.20 per bushel.

Arthur, Illinois by Menno A. Diener

The first part of June it rained off and on and was cloudy for a week with a total of $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches of rain until the 6th. Another $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches by June 15. Cool until the last few days the temperature showed 90 to 95 degrees.

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada by LeRoy Eicher

We are haying and cultivating corn. Strawberries will soon be coming to an end. Total rainfall for June was $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

ACCIDENTS

Aylmer, Ontario

On May 29, Diedrich Fehr injured his thumb when it was jerked into the saw after ripping a board. It was skin grafted.

Daviess County, Indiana

Mrs. Joe Stoll was kicked by a cow while milking and has a broken back. They have four small children. Their address is Montgomery R1, Indiana

Alvin Jay Swartzentruber, 19, was kicked in the face as he was returning from tying a horse. He has a crushed nose and facial wounds. He remains in the hospital at present. His address is Montgomery R1, Indiana

Daniel, 5-year-old son of Leroy Knepps was in front of the mower blade when his father told the horses to go. He has a bone and ligament cut and was given blood. Their address is Montgomery R1, Indiana.

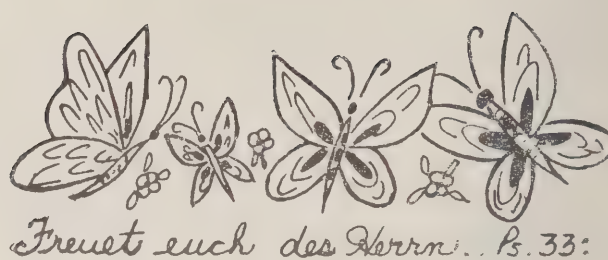
Adams County, Indiana

On Sunday evening, June 7 there was a very bad accident 2 miles south of Berne, Ind. along Highway #27. A few buggies of young folks were on their way to the singing and wanted to cross the busy highway. One buggy crossed over. There is a very dangerous curve there and the next one did not see the oncoming car which was traveling at a high rate of speed. This buggy was hit broadside. Riding in it were Joe L. Schwartz and Marvin Weaver. At first the boys were thought to be dead. Both had fractured skulls. Joe had a dislocated hip. The lucky boys are getting along alright now.

NOTICE!! DIARY DAY August 15, 1970 at the home of Joseph F. Beiler, Gordonville R1, Lanc. Co. Pa.

This will be the reporters day to get acquainted, exchange views and experiences and discuss problems. To begin at 9:00 A.M. EST. In the A.M. the staff will give a report of the work involved and the progress made in publishing THE DIARY. Lunch will be served at the home. All reporters and ex-reporters are urged to attend. Other persons interested in the project, especially ministers are welcome. Those coming from out of state please let us know in advance so we can make reservations for you.





COMMUNITY NOTES

Arthur, Illinois

Polly, wife of Pre. Noah D. Bontrager died June 15 at 10:45 A.M. Funeral was Thurs. June 18 with burial in Otto Cemetery. She had her hip broken twice, the last time in July 1969. She was able to attend church sometimes, but had been failing the last few years.

June 18, Fred S. Kauffman was in St. Mary's Hospital, Decatur and had surgery for skin cancer.

On June 18 Mrs. Eli C. Herschberger (Ruby Yoder) was taken to the Mattoon hospital for kidney stones. She was released in a few days and is much improved.

Joseph, 17, son of Pre. Andy Schrock had his hand caught in a rope and pulley while unloading hay at the home of Ben M. Dieners, June 18. Seven stitches were required to mend the bruised fore-finger on his right hand.

Bernice Yoder, daughter of Howard and Nettie (Beachey) Yoder, who was hurt in a disc about 6 weeks ago. Returned home from the hospital June 27. She is much improved but will need some care for a while yet.

From Lancaster INTELLIGENCER JOURNAL, June 10, 1970

17-Year-Locusts Revel in Lancaster County

An earsplitting staccato chorus echoing through Lancaster County woodlands quickly reminds one that the year of the cicada is upon us. Many thousands of the 17-year-locusts have already left their underground hideaways to revel a few weeks in the only sunshine they are destined to see in their 17-year life cycle. Science still does not know the timing mechanism used or the signal given to bring large broods of the cicadas above ground with clock-like precision every 17 years. Folklore records how the cicadas appear with a prominent "W" marking on their wings if a war is in process at the time they emerge. The "W" is easily seen this year as it is every year, come war or peace. In spite of their ferocious appearance and unfounded reputation for eating every green thing in sight, the 17-year locusts are harmless to handle and present only minor problems to some trees. Orchards have been known to suffer considerable damage when the female cicada laid her eggs under the bark of small branches. The cicada chorus heard in the woods on warm days is strictly a male choir. The female cicada is a silent partner during the insect's three to four weeks on the earth's surface. A Lancaster County farmer has an orchard in the woods. He recalls that 17 years ago, his newly planted orchard was nearly wiped out by cicadas. The red and black insects arrived this year again as scheduled. Their discarded shells cling to apple and peach trees like flies to honey. The ground under some trees is a crunching cushion of the cicada's empty shells. The cicada uses a saw-like motion to make slits in the bark to bury her eggs. The marks she makes are often so large the branch dies. The eggs hatch long after the parents are dead. As larva, they fall to the ground and burrow below the surface to feed on root juices for the next 17 years. In a few weeks it will be goodbye and good-night to this breed of cicadas until 1987.

Amish Hospital Aid Plan Meeting

The annual meeting for the Amish Hospital Aid Plan was held on January 10, 1970 at the home of Bennie King, Groffdale. Various topics were discussed. Eli P. Miller of Bird-in-Hand was elected by vote to record the minutes. We are well pleased with the progress that has been made with the Aid Plan. Thirty eight hospital bills were paid in 1969. There are over 1200 members from 31 church districts participating. It is our sincere wish that this plan of "caring and sharing" may continue to grow in the spirit in which it originated.

Nützliche Übung

Wenn du lernen willst dich richtig schreiben,
 So lerne nun und merke mit Fleiß;
 Lerne den Buchstaben recht und wisse genau
 daß du denselben nicht anders machst,
 Alsdenn fleißig Buchstaben,
 So füllst du sie nicht falsch aus.

Ob du im Lesen und im Schreiben,
 Denn nicht in der Zeit in der bleiben,
 Lesen mußt du nicht und klug
 Schreiben selbst dich lehren.
 So und merke auf Gottes Wort,
 Schreib und höre den heiligen Text.

Wirst du nicht und nicht mehr lesen,
 So lerne nun in der Zeit,
 Denn nicht in der Zeit mehr zu schreiben,
 Wirst du in seiner Lehre schreiben,
 Dann werden wir von dieser Zeit,
 Folgen wir nicht in der Zeit.
 von L. G. F.

I am Anna Emma Jind
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 ifan Nolan. *Oprijsu VII: VI*

SENIOR

"I shall not mind the
 whiteness of my hair. Or that my slow
 steps falter on the stair. Or that young
 folks hurry as they pass. Or that
 strange image greets me in the glass
 If I can feel, as roots feel in
 the sod. That I am growing old
 to bloom before the face
 of God."

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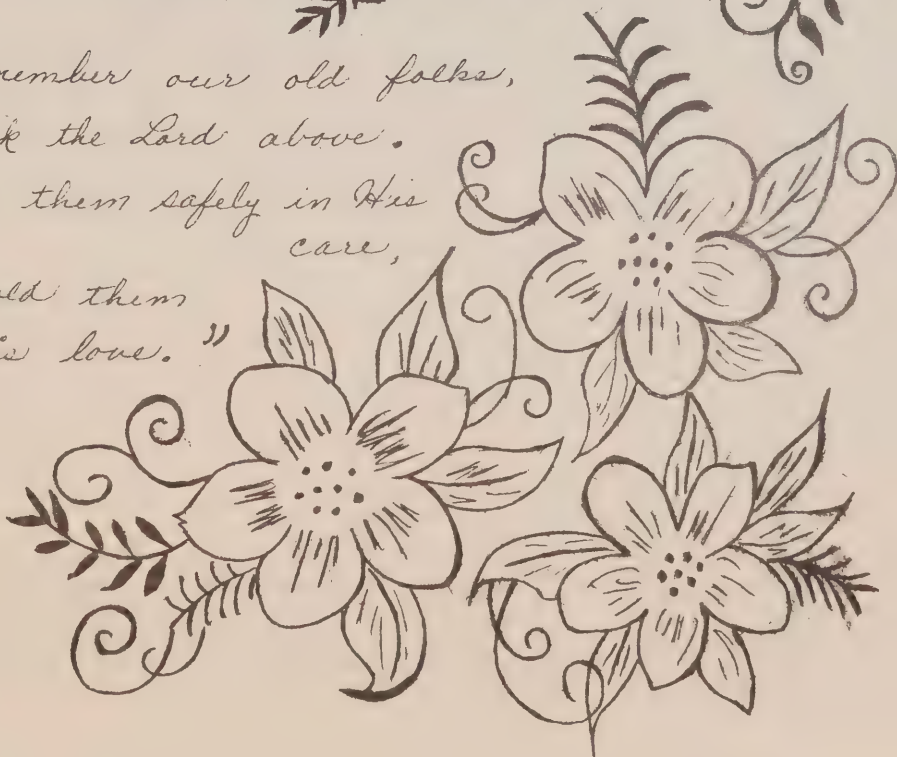


The righteous shall
flourish like a palm tree ...
... they shall still bring forth
fruit in old age ...
Psalms 92:12-14.

Warming
mist rises
in morning
Altar; sunbeams
mist rises,
sun is
before morning.
Psalm 71:14

SUNSHINE

"Let's remember our old folks,
And ask the Lord above.
To keep them safely in His
care,
And enfold them
in His love."



Our Senior Members Born in or Before 1890

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Men

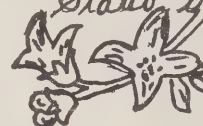
Apr. 19, 1880 - Amos L. Beiler, Paradise R1, Pa.
 Sept. 19, 1880 - Moses B. King, Honey Brook R1, Pa.
 March 16, 1882 - Daniel S. King, Narvon R2, Pa.
 July 4, 1882 - David M. King, Gordonville R1, Pa.
 Feb. 17, 1883 - Stephen M. Stoltzfus, Gap R1, Pa.
 Jan. 7, 1885 - Moses Lapp, Gap R1, Pa.
 July 5, 1885 - John M. Fisher, Ronks R1, Pa.
 Aug. 23, 1885 - Aaron F. Stoltzfus, Leola R1, Pa.
 Sept. 3, 1885 - Henry U. Stoltzfus, Gap R1, Pa.
 May 3, 1886 - Amos R. Glick, 188 Geist Rd., Lancaster, Pa.
 June 30, 1886 - David B. Zook, Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa.
 Nov. 7, 1886 - Jacob K. Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa.
 Dec. 14, 1886 - Henry B. Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, Pa.
 Aug. 1, 1887 - Amos U. Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, Pa.
 Oct. 17, 1887 - John F. Smoker, East Earl R1, Pa.
 Oct. 28, 1887 - Isaac B. Zook, Christiana R1, Pa.
 Aug. 29, 1888 - Jonathan K. Stoltzfus, New Holland R2, Pa.
 Sept. 21, 1888 - Amos L. Beiler, Narvon R2, Pa.
 Nov. 10, 1888 - Amos Petersheim, Strasburg R1, Pa.
 Nov. 17, 1888 - Jacob B. Lapp, Gordonville R1, Pa.
 Dec. 10, 1888 - Aaron Esh, Leola R1, Pa.
 Jan. 21, 1889 - Christian M. Lapp, New Holland R2, Pa.
 May 8, 1889 - Samuel F. Lapp, Gap R1, Pa.
 May 19, 1889 - John B. Miller, Bird-in-Hand, Pa.
 Nov. 20, 1889 - Noah D. Zook, Old Phila. Pike, Lancaster, Pa.
 Jan. 7, 1890 - Stephen K. Fisher, Honey Brook, Pa.
 Jan. 19, 1890 - John F. Stoltzfoos, Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa.
 Jan. 28, 1890 - David B. Fisher, Christiana R1, Pa.
 Feb. 21, 1890 - Daniel U. Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1, Pa.
 March 11, 1890 - Ezra D. Beiler, Ronks R1, Pa.
 March 30, 1890 - Christian S. Beiler, Gordonville R1, Pa.
 Aug. 18, 1890 - Samuel E. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1, Pa.
 Sept. 25, 1890 - Henry Z. Fisher, Paradise R1, Pa.
 Oct. 6, 1890 - Daniel B. Esh, Gordonville R1, Pa.
 Nov. 11, 1890 - Jephtha Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3, Pa.
 Dec. 14, 1890 - Daniel L. Esh, Ronks R1, Pa.



*Der Herr ist
mein Hirte,
Ps. 23:1*



*dein Stechen und
Staub tröstet mich
Ps. 23:4*



Women

Sept. 25, 1872 - Salina, widow of Enos Stoltzfus, Lancaster R4, Pa.
 July 23, 1877 - Barbara Zook, Lancaster R4, Pa.
 Nov. 22, 1877 - Annie, widow of Amos Allgyer, Gap R1, Pa.
 Aug. 18, 1879 - Fannie (Ebersol), wife of Jacob K. Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa.
 Aug. 24, 1880 - Sarah, widow of Levi Z. Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, Pa.
 Aug. 26, 1880 - Mary, widow of Abram King, Ronks R1, Pa.
 July 7, 1882 - Ida (Beiler), wife of Moses B. King, Honey Brook R2, Pa.
 Nov. 24, 1882 - Katie, widow of Christian Blank, Kinzers R1, Pa.
 April 14, 1883 - Rebecca, widow of John D. Stoltzfus, Leola R1, Pa.
 Feb. 16, 1884 - Fannie (Fisher), wife of David M. King, Gordonville R1, Pa.
 July 14, 1884 - Arie, widow of Benjamin E. Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1, Pa.
 Aug. 15, 1884 - Sarah, widow of Daniel Zook, Mechanicsville R2, Maryland
 Aug. 19, 1884 - Sarah, widow of Benjamin B. Beiler, Gap R1, Pa.
 Dec. 25, 1884 - Sarah, widow of Daniel E. Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa.
 May 30, 1885 - Emma, widow of Jonas E. Stoltzfus, Narvon R1, Pa.
 April 2, 1886 - Fannie, widow of Bennie L. Fisher, Honey Brook R1, Pa.
 June 12, 1886 - Fannie, widow of John E. Stoltzfus, Leola R1, Pa.
 July 3, 1886 - Fannie (Lapp), wife of Amos U. Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, Pa.
 Feb. 13, 1887 - Katie, widow of Amos B. Zook, Leola R1, Pa.
 Aug. 11, 1887 - Lydia, widow of Daniel Beiler, Quarryville R3, Pa.
 Sept. 21, 1887 - Mary, widow of Benjamin B. Fisher, Soudersburg, Pa.
 Oct. 24, 1887 - Sallie, widow of Joseph E. Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa.
 Dec. 25, 1888 - Mary, widow of Daniel Stoltzfus, Leola R1, Pa.
 Jan. 4, 1889 - Fannie (Stoltzfus), wife of Amos R. Glick, 188 Geist Rd., Lancaster, Pa.
 Sept. 17, 1889 - Esther King, Strasburg, Pa.
 Dec. 17, 1889 - Annie King, Gordonville R1, Pa.
 Jan. 12, 1890 - Susan (Lantz), wife of Samuel F. Lapp, Gap R1, Pa.
 Jan. 29, 1890 - Emma (Zook), wife of John F. Smoker, East Earl R1, Pa.
 May 1, 1890 - Rebecca (Petersheim), wife of Christian S. Beiler, Gordonville R1, Pa.
 Aug. 6, 1890 - Rebecca, widow of Samuel Smucker, Gordonville R1, Pa.
 Aug. 24, 1890 - Rebecca (Beiler), wife of Amos Petersheim, Strasburg R1, Pa.
 Aug. 28, 1890 - Annie (Stoltzfus), wife of Amos L. Beiler, Narvon R2, Pa.

Couples married 50 years or more

Jan. 30, 1905 - Moses and Ida (Beiler) King, Honey Brook R2, Pa.
 Dec. 12, 1905 - David M. and Fannie (Fisher) King, Gordonville R1, Pa.
 Nov. 25, 1909 - Amos R. and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Glick, 188 Geist Rd., Lancaster, Pa.
 Dec. 16, 1909 - John F. and Emma (Zook) Smoker, East Earl R1, Pa.
 Nov. 24, 1910 - Amos L. and Annie (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Narvon R2, Pa.
 Dec. 13, 1910 - Samuel F. and Susan (Lantz) Lapp, Gap R1, Pa.
 Nov. 28, 1911 - Christian S. and Rebecca (Petersheim) Beiler, Gordonville R1, Pa.
 Dec. 14, 1911 - Amos U. and Fannie (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, Pa.
 Nov. 4, 1919 - Jacob K. and Fannie (Ebersol) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand, R1, Pa.

LaGrange and Elkhart Counties, Indiana

Jan. 3, 1872 - Mrs. Noah (Katie) Bender, Goshen R4, Ind.
 Sept. 4, 1873 - Mrs. David (Anna) Schrock, Shipshewana R2, Ind.
 Apr. 21, 1875 - Mrs. Levi (Lydia) Knepp, Goshen R1, Ind.
 Dec. 17, 1875 - Samuel J. Christner, Shipshewana R2, Ind.
 Dec. 18, 1876 - Bish. David D. Helmuth, Middlebury R1, Ind.
 Jan. 16, 1878 - Mrs. San Y. (Anna) Lehman, LaGrange R4, Ind.
 Jan. 29, 1878 - Mrs. Joseph (Amelia) Stutzman, Shipshewana, Ind.
 Dec. 2, 1878 - Mrs. Joseph (Mattie) Lehman, Shipshewana, Ind.
 Oct. 3, 1879 - Mrs. Abner (Barbara) Miller, Millersburg, Ind.
 Dec. 24, 1880 - Mrs. Abe (Emma) Nissley, Topeka R3, Ind.
 Jan. 24, 1881 - Mrs. Jacob J. (Fannie) Lambright, Topeka R1, Pa.
 Mar. 8, 1881 - Menno J. Bontrager, Middlebury R1, Ind.
 May 22, 1882 - Levi L. Mast, Topeka R2, Ind.
 Aug. 16, 1882 - Mrs. Joe N. (Delilah) Bontrager, Millersburg R1, Ind.
 Sept. 23, 1882 - Mrs. Uriah (Rebecca) Miller, Shipshewana R1, Ind.
 Jan. 29, 1883 - Mrs. Joseph (Fannie) Slabach, Middlebury R2, Ind.
 Feb. 8, 1883 - John I. Bontrager, Shipshewana, Ind.
 Oct. 15, 1883 - Joseph H. Yoder, Middlebury R1, Ind.
 Oct. 18, 1883 - Mrs. Noah N. (Lizzie) Miller, Goshen R1, Ind.
 Dec. 12, 1883 - Mrs. Edward (Anna) Hochstetler, Howe R3, Ind.
 June 4, 1884 - Jacob R. Miller, Middlebury R1, Ind.
 Sept. 25, 1884 - Mrs. Samuel (Susan) Christner, Shipshewana R2, Ind.
 Nov. 2, 1884 - Mrs. Sam (Clara) Bontrager, LaGrange R1, Ind.
 Nov. 27, 1884 - Mrs. Jonathan (Fannie) Lehman, Topeka R1, Ind.
 Jan. 31, 1885 - Mrs. Ben M. (Lizzie) Bontrager, Topeka R1, Ind.
 Feb. 10, 1885 - Dea. Moses F. Miller, Millersburg R1, Ind.
 May 22, 1886 - Andrew Eash, Shipshewana R2, Ind.
 July 29, 1886 - Mrs. David V. (Maryann) Hochstetler, Topeka R1, Ind.
 July 31, 1886 - John A. Miller, Howe R3, Ind.
 Nov. 15, 1886 - Mrs. Joe (Lydia) Bontrager, Middlebury R1, Ind.
 Apr. 26, 1887 - Al J. Kauffman, Middlebury R1, Ind.
 May 10, 1887 - Mrs. Al J. (Clara) Kauffman, Middlebury R1, Ind.
 Aug. 12, 1887 - Bish. Jacob S. Miller, Topeka R2, Ind.
 Nov. 6, 1887 - Mrs. Levi (Mary) Mast, Topeka R2, Ind.
 Nov. 21, 1887 - Mrs. John S. (Martha) Miller, Topeka R2, Ind.
 Dec. 16, 1887 - Osa Schlabach, Goshen R1, Ind.
 July 8, 1888 - Mrs. Servin J. (Fannie) Kauffman, Middlebury R2, Ind.
 July 14, 1888 - David J. Kauffman, Shipshewana, Ind.
 Nov. 4, 1888 - Mrs. David R. (Lydia) Bontrager, Millersburg R1, Ind.
 Dec. 13, 1888 - Mrs. Henry L. (Susie) Miller, Topeka R1, Ind.
 Mar. 2, 1889 - Servin J. Kauffman, Middlebury R2, Ind.
 Apr. 8, 1889 - Mrs. Mose D. (Barbara) Glick, Goshen R1, Ind.
 Sept. 4, 1889 - Mrs. Andrew (Lydia) Miller, Middlebury R1, Ind.
 Sept. 5, 1889 - Samuel J. Barkman, LaGrange R4, Ind.
 Sept. 27, 1889 - Levi E. Miller, Shipshewana, Ind.
 Nov. 1, 1889 - Dea. Ervin J. Miller, LaGrange R1, Ind.
 Nov. 30, 1889 - Dea. Menno E. Hershberger, Topeka R1, Ind.
 Feb. 4, 1890 - Dea. Levi B. Hostetler, Shipshewana R1, Ind.
 Feb. 14, 1890 - Mrs. John I. (Barbara) Bontrager, Shipshewana R2, Ind.
 Mar. 4, 1890 - Mrs. Menno J. S. (Susie) Yoder, Topeka R2, Ind.
 Sept. 1, 1890 - Jacob S. Schlabach, Topeka R2, Ind.
 Oct. 30, 1890 - Pre. Christian J. Miller, Topeka R1, Ind.
 Nov. 18, 1890 - Bish. Dan B. Bontrager, LaGrange R4, Ind.

Couples married 50 years or more

Nov. 8, 1916 - William D. and Susie (Yoder) Yoder, Topeka R1, Ind.
 Feb. 15, 1917 - David J. and Susie (Mast) Mast, Middlebury R1, Ind.
 Mar. 8, 1917 - Elmer T. and Anna (Miller) Miller, Goshen R1, Ind.
 Oct. 29, 1917 - Eli R. and Lovina (Burkholder) Miller, Goshen R1, Ind.
 Dec. 13, 1917 - Menno S. and Elizabeth (Yoder) Beachy, Millersburg R1, Ind.

Dec. 24, 1917 - Noah S. and Elizabeth (Glick) Frye, Wolcottville R1, Ind.
 Jan. 10, 1918 - Tobias M. and Mattie (Troyer) Hochstetler, Topeka R2, Ind.
 Jan. 10, 1918 - Amos S. and Edna C. (Yoder) Miller, Topeka R2, Ind.
 Jan. 24, 1918 - Jacob E. and Mary (Christner) Hochstetler, Shipshewana R2, Ind.
 Jan. 31, 1918 - Levi D. and Amelia (Lehman) Mast, Topeka R1, Ind.
 Feb. 7, 1918 - Harry M. and Barbara (Miller) Troyer, Shipshewana R2, Ind.
 Feb. 13, 1918 - William S. and Edna (Miller) Miller, Topeka R2, Ind.
 Feb. 20, 1919 - Dan A. and Anna (Yoder) Beachy, Topeka R2, Ind.
 Feb. 27, 1919 - Ezra L. and Susie (Lehman) Bontrager, Middlebury R1, Ind.
 Mar. 13, 1919 - Noah J. and Mattie (Yoder) Yoder, Shipshewana R1, Pa.

Arthur, Illinois

Feb. 26, 1878 - Joni T. Plank	Dec. 10, 1885 - Mrs. Joe (Tillie) Schrock
June 22, 1878 - Maryann Schlabaugh	Dec. 12, 1886 - Mrs. Dave (Mattie) Yoder
June 20, 1880 - Noah C. Yoder	Jan. 2, 1887 - Ammon B. Miller
Aug. 23, 1880 - Mrs. Rebecca Schrock	Feb. 27, 1887 - Mrs. Bish. S. N. (Fannie) Beachy
Aug. 29, 1880 - David A. Troyer	Mar. 16, 1887 - Jacob A. Kaufman
June 14, 1881 - Mrs. Ben (Katie) Yoder	Mar. 9, 1888 - Simeon E. Brenneman
Feb. 18, 1883 - Mrs. John (Lizzie) Miller	July 6, 1888 - Menno J. Schrock
Sept. 29, 1884 - Pre. Jacob E. Miller	July 18, 1888 - Eli M. Otto
Oct. 6, 1884 - William L. Mast	Mar. 5, 1889 - Mrs. Amanda Schrock
Apr. 8, 1885 - John C. Gingerich	July 30, 1889 - Elmer Stutzman
Sept. 3, 1885 - Dave Yoder	Sept. 17, 1889 - Mrs. Minnie Schrock

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Nov. 21, 1881 - Benjamin Summy, Springs Star Route, % Ray S. Kinsinger, Pa.
 Apr. 20, 1884 - Joseph J. Yoder, Meyersdale R1, Pa.
 Mar. 19, 1887 - Mrs. Sam U. Yoder, Salisbury R1, Pa.
 Aug. 10, 1887 - Urias A. Kinsinger, Salisbury R1, Pa.
 Feb. 16, 1890 - Mrs. Mary Yoder, Grantsville, Maryland
 Mar. 31, 1890 - Sam U. Yoder, Salisbury R1, Pa.
 Dec. 19, 1890 - Mrs. Effie Yoder, Salisbury R1, Pa.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Dec. 77 1884 - Joseph Hostetler
 Apr. 3, 1887 - Miss Katie M. Peachey
 May 2, 1888 - Mary, widow of Joshua H. Peachey

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Mar. 24, 1881 - Samuel F. Zook married Dec. 1, 1903 to Annie (Beiler) who died Sept. 1, 1957
 Oct. 17, 1889 - Menno D. Swarey married Nov. 14, 1912 to Arie (Zook) who died Jan. 2, 1969
 Dec. 9, 1890 - Jacob Z. Smoker married Nov. 16, 1915 to Barbara (Kenagey) who died Feb. 18, 1962

Welda, Kansas

Oct. 9, 1879 - Bishop John A. Yoder, Welda, Kansas
 Jan. 7, 1885 - Barbara (Yoder), wife of Bishop John A. Yoder, Welda, Kansas
 Sept. 30, 1887 - Joni A. Yoder, Welda, Kansas

*Unser Leben währet
 siebzig Jahre, und
 wenns hoch kommt,
 so sinds ächtzig
 Jahre, und wenns
 köstlich gewesen
 ist, so ist es Mühe
 und Arbeit gewesen,
 denn es fahret schnell
 dahin, als flögen
 wir davon. Psalm 90:10*

*Ich bin jung gewesen
 und alt geworden und
 habe noch nie gesehen
 den Gerechten verlassen
 oder seinen Samen
 nach Brot gehen.*

Psalm 37:25

From THE COMING KING by James Edison White (Published, 1906)

VOLCANOES.

"Thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, Thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at Thy presence." Isaiah 64:3.

In connection with the consideration of earthquakes, we can very appropriately present the matter of the ever increasing volcanic action, now becoming so pronounced as to be the subject of careful and continuous scientific inquiry.

Peter, speaking of the scoffers that should arise in the latter days, deriding the argument that the end of the world is drawing nigh, says: "For this they are willingly ignorant of, that by the Word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water, whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water perished. But the heavens and the earth which are now, by the same Word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men." 2 Peter 3:5-7.

We, therefore, gather from this statement that as the earth was once destroyed by water, it is now reserved unto fire.

In the account of the destruction of the earth by water, we are told that "the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened." Genesis 7.

Not only did rain descend from above, but the waters stored in the bowels of the earth burst forth, thus adding to the terrible force of the deluge and completely changing the face of nature.

This destruction by water is used by the apostle as a symbol of the impending destruction by fire; which the Word of God assures us is certainly coming. Therefore we must believe that the Lord will not only rain fire from heaven, even as He did upon Sodom and Gomorrah, but fires will also burst forth from the interior of the earth.

Something of this kind would seem to be foreshadowed by Isaiah 34:9: "The streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch." The previous verse declares that this is a description of "the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion."

VESUVIUS

In Southern Italy, ten miles E. S. E. from the City of Naples, stands the huge volcano mountain known as Mt. Vesuvius, rising 2,300 feet above the level of the sea, with, formerly, a cone 1,900 feet tall, giving a total height of 4,200 feet above sea level.

During medieval times, Vesuvius was looked upon as being the "opening of hell." It had been in eruption in A. D. 63, which is the first record we have of this volcano. But as time passed the mountain became again clothed with a carpet of green, stately trees grew on its sides and crowned its summit, while pretty villages and beautiful cities clustered at its base. No one dreamed of danger from the volcano. The peasantry called it their Protector.

In A. D. 79, without warning, steam, smoke, and fire burst from Vesuvius. Enormous quantities of ashes and other material were thrown high into the air, spreading out like a vast pall, and continuing for eight days and nights. The cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum were slowly smothered out of sight. Pompeii was buried under dry scoria, but Herculaneum under a layer of mud and lava, which dried like rock. It was long supposed that when the eruption occurred the people of Pompeii were in the theatre, but excavations show this to be an error, and it is conjectured that the people escaped, and that the loss of life was small.

Another eruption occurred in A. D. 223, another in A. D. 473, and nine others from that time on to A. D. 1500. Since the last date there have been many eruptions with serious results.

Notwithstanding all the warnings of the past and the awful records of death and destruction the people possessed through the City of Pompeii, Herculaneum, and the several villages which lie buried beneath tons of scoria and lava, monuments to the awful destructive latent power of the volcano, the people still crowded around the base of the "mouth of hell," and the villages of Portico, Revina, Torre del Greco, and Torre del Annunziata, with a large population, took the place of the former, the danger all forgotten.

In 1902, when the eruption of Mt. Pelee occurred, notes of warning were heard from Vesuvius, and again in February, 1906. In April lava began to flow down its sides, and the people in the pretty villages at its base, awoke from their dream of security, to find themselves face to face with death in a horrible form.

Down came the ashes in ever increasing quantities, darkening the sky and filling the air with suffocating fumes, while lava streams swept on and on towards the doomed villages, and the City of Bosco Trecase with its 10,000 inhabitants. The terrified people hastily evacuated their homes and fled. On Saturday, the 7th, the city was destroyed.

The great loss of life in the destruction of Bosco Trecase and Ottajan was due to the vast fall of ashes crushing in the roofs of the houses. It is estimated that fully 5,000 houses were destroyed in this way, many of the people being buried with them. Another sickening scene of horror was seen at San Guiseppe, when the roof of the market caved in from the weight of ashes upon it, burying some 200 persons in the ruins.

The total estimated loss of life in this last eruption of Vesuvius is placed at 2,000 persons, and the loss on property at not less than \$20,000,000.

THE MOUNT PELEE DISASTER

One of the most terrible disasters due to volcanic eruption occurred May 12, 1902, by the sudden bursting asunder of Mount Pelee, on the Island of Martinique, Windward Islands. Between this mountain and the bay was St. Pierre, a city of 30,000 inhabitants. No one actually in the city at the time of the disaster was left to describe the horror of the scene. Thirty thousand souls were in a moment ushered into eternity, overtaken by the destroyer, some in their quiet homes, some in the marts of the business quarters, and some-- alas, in the haunts of vice.

Many of the descriptions of this scene, though vivid, and doubtless accurate as far as they go, fail of mentioning one important feature of the Mt. Pelee disaster, namely, the combustible gases, which coming out of the mountain spread over the city and bay, enveloping in their deadly embrace both city and shipping.

THE ELEMENTS SHALL MELT.

The account of the spread of destructive gases at the eruption of Pelee is most suggestive of the time foretold by the Apostle Peter (2 Peter 3:10), when "The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat."

While not so intended by their authors, many of the accounts of the destruction of St. Pierre are very suggestive of--

"That day to holy inspiration known,
When earth with fervent, glowing heat shall melt,
And works of boastful men shall perish all
As withered flower of the summer field
Into the over-heated oven cast."

Of the condition of the earth after and following this time, the prophet says:--

"From generation to generation shall it lie waste. . . . He shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness." Isaiah 34:10, 11.

Who can read these things (and many similar accounts of disasters might be given did space permit), and doubt that by these visitations, whether directly sent or merely permitted, God would warn the world of that day when every island shall flee away, and the mountains shall not be found, and when there shall fall upon men a great hail, every stone about the "weight of a talent?" Revelation 16:20, 21.

Who can hear of, and read about, these awful calamities, and not realize that God is, in mercy, warning all to flee from the wrath to come, while yet probation shall be extended to them?

75 years ago From "Sarah E. Beiler Writing Book"

Fannie, daughter of Eli and Mary Kauffman Died May 11, 1895,
Aged 1 year, 11 months, 22 days

The hour of departure came
Pleased God to call a little one
Now O Lord they feel distressed
But know their darling is at rest.

MOTHERS DO NOT WEEP

Mothers do not weep for babies who can leave this sinful world in infancy. This is a true experience for me whose faith was too weak at a time of loss. God had given us a dear little boy but thought us too weak to raise him to manhood is my surmise.

He got sick with a lingering sickness. Oh! how we tried to give him relief from his pain and suffering but to no avail. Slowly he was fading away from us, still could not get better or die. At last he went into a coma, but life lingered on till we finally could give him up, putting it all into God's hands and will. Then so easily he took his last breath, as though waiting for us to give him to Jesus. He was relieved from his pain and suffering. That an innocent baby should suffer so much, it was so hard to see but couldn't help.

One evening a few days after the funeral I was so lonesome for my baby and didn't know what to do, so went to bed to rest but could only feel sorry for myself and weep.

Finally I fell into a doze and had a dream that Jesus was sitting in my room with our three babies at His feet. (This was the third baby we had lost.) He was watching over them with the most loving expression on His face. It jarred me awake, as it seemed so real. After a while I dozed off again. The very same dream came back to me jarring me awake as if I was shook. I was awake a long time then I went to sleep again. The very same dream came to me the third time. Then I couldn't sleep for a long time, was thinking what this all means. Why Jesus is showing me where our babies are. Yes, I knew, but was too weak to conceive the full meaning of it all, or I wouldn't have wept when he died.

After that I could go to sleep, but couldn't weep anymore for our baby who had died. But had to weep for the ones left behind. Hope we can have a strong enough faith with God's help that we can meet our babies in Eternity.

Barbara Schmidt



Amish Mennonite Church in Chester Valley, near Malvern, Pa. as it appeared in 1899. Erected 1795, oldest Amish Mennonite Church edifice in America.
(From Mast Family History)

When used as an Amish meetinghouse it would have been furnished with backless benches and with no rostrum or pulpit. Men and women still sit separately in all Amish meeting places, and it is probable that the two front doors were for the separate entrance of male and female worshippers.

The size of the graveyard and the number of burials in it, as well as the dates on the gravestones, clearly indicate that the cemetery was used longer than the meetinghouse served as a place of Amish worship. The former was visited in the 1930's by staff-members of the Chester County Historical Society, who were able to decipher inscriptions on 39 stones. It was then described as in a state of neglect and deterioration--a fair statement of its condition when viewed by the writer in December, 1954. It has had some care, however, for the wall is in repair and the burial area is not as overgrown as is the meetinghouse site. The enclosing wall is approximately 50 x 100 feet in width and length, with the longer side of the rectangular enclosure facing the road. Several dozen gravestones inscriptions are still decipherable; many more graves, however, are marked by small irregularly shaped, flat fieldstones which carry no inscription. There are also undoubtedly numerous unmarked graves. Unmarked graves, gravestones without inscriptions, and general neglect are still characteristic of small Amish community cemeteries in Pennsylvania. The Amish meetinghouse, was sold in 1827, and the last Amish family, as earlier stated, removed from Chester Valley in the early 1830's. The death dates on many of the inscribed tombstones in this cemetery are later. The cemetery is referred to in nineteenth-century sources as the "Union Grave Yard," indicating that it was later used by families of non-Amish affiliation (as was also the meetinghouse). Accordingly there are burials of individuals with such non-Amish and non-German names as Davis, Hall, Harley, Meconkey and Ruth.

The site of the cemetery and meetinghouse is $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west by south of Devault and 4 miles north by west of Malvern. It is on the Phoenixville Quadrangle of the United States Geological Survey maps for this part of southeastern Pennsylvania. It is less than one mile south of the modern Pennsylvania Turnpike, the hurried traffic over which can be seen from the century-and-a-half old site of the meetinghouse. The early Amish farms were scattered in the area, north, east, and southwest of the meetinghouse. The westernmost farm that can be identified as Amish was located near present Exton, the easternmost in Tredyffrin Township, and the northernmost in Charleston Township. Most of the farms were in East Whiteland Twp., with a few in West Whiteland. The Amish community was thus located on and north of the present Lincoln Highway (U. S. Route 30), largely between the towns of Exton and Malvern. The settlement is referred to in Mennonite literature as the "Chester Valley," "Whiteland," or "Malvern" community or congregation.

Amish tradition has it that this community was established by Moritz Zug, who with his brothers John and Christian, their families, and perhaps a few other Amish people, moved to Chester County in the early 1770's. They came from the earlier "Northkill" Amish congregation in northern Berks County, which had been disrupted by a series of Indian raids during the French and Indian War. Moritz and Christian remained and died in Chester County, while John (Johannes) Zug removed to Honeybrook Township in northwestern Chester County where he died in 1790. Christian Zug, Sr. had a son, also named Christian, who became a minister and leader of the Valley community. His name, and that of his cousin, Moritz Zug's son Jacob, occur most frequently in contemporary references to the Amish in this area. Preacher Christian Zug's twelfth child and last-born son, Henry Zook, married to Christiana Kurtz, was with his children the last family of Amish connection to reside in Chester Valley. The family

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remain are now somewhat scattered. However, the foundations of the walls are still vaguely discernible. Probably some tombstones in the cemetery lie now buried in topsoil. The site is one that deserves at least superficial archaeological excavation, if such could be negotiated.

A photograph of the meetinghouse "as it appeared in 1899" was published in 1911. However there are published reports of the building having been destroyed by fire in 1895. Photographs of the ruins of the building, with its four walls partly standing, were taken in 1937 and are on file at the Chester County Historical Society. These photographs and the still discernible foundation stones indicate a building of modest proportions. It was perhaps 18 feet wide by 35 feet long, or 20 x 40 feet at the most generous estimate. The photographs clearly indicate a one-story building. There may have been a chimney and fireplace at the east end of the structure. The length of the building paralleled the road and the earliest known photograph shows a door and a window in the east gable end, with two doors and three windows on the south side of the structure which faced the road.

removed to Lancaster County in 1834. Moritz Zug's son Jacob Zook is repeatedly mentioned in contemporary records as "Trustee" for the "Society of Amist Brothers." He died at Exton in 1829. He and his wife, Gertrude Kenegé, had a family of thirteen children, all born in West Whiteland Township. There are other Amish family names, such as Coffman, Lapp and Rickabaugh, to be found in sources pertaining to this community. However its terminal dates, as well as its dominant personalities, are in the record of the first three generations of the Zug family in America. The dates c. 1770 and c. 1834 mark the period during which entire families of definitely Amish religious conviction occupied the area.

As is well known, there are relatively few characteristically Amish family names to the present day, and there were still fewer in the years of early Amish settlement in America. These names are a helpful, although not infallible, guide to the identification of persons of Amish connection. Deeds, wills, and other records indicate the presence of persons with Amish surnames in this area from c. 1770 to the present time. However, later individuals and families--subsequent to the 1830's--are clearly non-Amish in their religious affiliation. One student has examined recorded wills for the period of Amish occupancy of Chester Valley and found five of them pertaining to members of this community. A preliminary inventory recently made by the present writer revealed more than five such wills, but the reported five range in time from 1786 to 1826 and refer to 18 individuals representing four Amish families, as follows: Coffman (2 individuals), Kurtz (2), Lapp (5), and Zug (9). There are also three wills by Rickabaughs recorded from 1805 to 1848. Of the foregoing names that of Rickabaugh is the least familiar as an Amish eponym. However, in a quit-claim of 1792 Adam Rickabaugh is listed among the names of eight "persons of the said . . . Society of Amists" (Deed Book G-2, 200) and his own will also bequeaths money to Jacob Zook who is named as a trustee of "our religious society" (Will Book L-11, 88). The name Zug is also spelled Zook in local records dating from 1787, and Coffman is spelled Kauffman in the earliest sources for the community. German names were thus soon Anglicized.

It is possible also to identify persons of Amish connection in recorded County deeds to property. Miss Dorothy B. Lapp, in the staff of the Chester County Historical Society and a descendant of early southeastern Pennsylvania Amish ancestors, reports seven deeds ranging in time from 1787 to 1827, in which there are references to 13 representatives of four Amish family names, including 4 Coffmans, 5 Zooks, 3 Lapps, and one Rickabaugh. Miss Lapp advised me that her survey of deeds is incomplete, having been made from time to time incident to other duties. It is thus possible that additional deeds will reveal a few more family names. Some names in the deeds repeat those in the wills, but allowing for probable duplications in the twelve documents there are references to 24 individuals who by their first and family names may be identified as members of the Amish community. They all occur in documents dating from 1786 to 1827, both of which years are well within the terminal dates marking the duration of the local Amish group as a living community.

Miss Lapp is the Historical Society representative mentioned earlier as the transcriber of the 39 gravestone inscriptions still decipherable in the East Whiteland Township "Union Grave Yard." Among these there are 7 Zooks, 7 Coffmans, 5 Lapps, and 2 Rickabaughs. Not all individuals of these surnames were Amish, however, as is clearly indicated by their non-Amish first names and by their dates of death. Among the 7 Coffmans, for example, are the wife and two daughters of one "Isaac Z. Coffman, M. D.," who as a professional man could not have been Amish. Several of the individuals are clearly Amish, however, for their names are also recorded in legal documents relating to the "Amist Society." There are, in addition, the graves of several Amish women whose names are lacking in the legal records, but whose husbands' names occur in these sources.

It is thus possible to rescue five family names of members of the community from wills, deeds, and gravestone inscriptions. However, it is impossible from these to offer an estimate of the size of the community, for it is improbable that all family names became a matter of record and moreover here, as elsewhere in Amish communities, the number of family names is no indication of the size of the total community. There were here, as in most Amish communities, several resident families representative of each family name, and there were also in this small community several individuals with the same given as well as family name. Thus two Adam Rickabaughs are buried in the cemetery, one who died in 1804, and the other in 1825. There were also at least two Christian Zugs, father and son, one having made his will in 1786 and the other in 1836. The presence of identically named individuals in the same local community is commonly met with in Amish history.

From "genealogies, deeds, wills, and Mennonite historians" Miss Lapp has compiled a list of 15 local Amish families. Her list is undoubtedly incomplete, for she tells me that she made her compilation without access to the Mast Family History which lists a number of Chester Valley Amish families related by marriage to the Lancaster County Amish Mast family. The Hertzler family history is also valuable in this connection, for the Hertzlers were related to the Zugs by marriage. Some of these Chester County families were large, with as many as from 9 to 14 children. Thus John Coffman and his wife Mary Mast (a daughter of Amish Bishop Jacob Mast of Lancaster County) had 14 children, as did one of the Adam Rickabaughs and his wife. Jacob and Gertrude (Kenegé) Zug had 13 children; Christian and Magdalene (Blank) Zug had 10; John Zug and his wife Elizabeth (Mast) had 9; another John Zug and his wife Catherine also had 9; Henry Zug and his wife Christiana (Kurtz) had 8; etc. That the typical Amish family has always been large is immediately apparent from perusal of the numerous privately published Amish genealogies, over forty of which have been printed to date.

A feature of interest and importance, which will be developed in a separate paper, is that family records indicate that many of the children of Chester County Amish families married non-Amish mates. Those who married out of their faith did not all move from the area, however. On the other hand, the Chester County Amish young people who married Amish mates chose them largely from other Amish communities and then moved to those communities. The Chester County community thus lost members by out-marriage and also by geographic removal. The younger members of this community either married out and joined other faiths, or married within the faith and moved away. Meanwhile, older members of course died, and the community thus gradually also expired.

Although it is obviously impossible to estimate the size of the community from the size of the family when the number of resident families is unknown, we are not entirely in the dark with respect to the size of this community. The first census of the United States, taken in 1790, which enumerated by named heads of families as well as by size of household, listed 10 family heads with Amish surnames in 4 townships of eastern Chester County. These ten families had a total of 106 individual members, an average of 10.6 persons per family. Published family histories show that this census was decidedly incomplete for this community, and that the overall under-enumeration for the group may have been as high as half of the total number. Past experience has proved that the Amish people have never fully cooperated with voluntary religious censuses, and it is also known that they unenthusiastically comply with laws requiring official enumerations. It is also well known that our first federal census was the least accurate one ever taken by our government. It seems therefore reasonable to surmise that there may have been from 15 to 20 resident families, with from 175 to 200 individual members, in the Amish community at this time. It was apparently largest in the late 1790's toward the turn of the century.

Population decline soon set in, however. The "Big Valley" Amish colony in Mifflin County was established in the early 1790's and Chester Valley families are known to have contributed to the early growth of this new settlement in central Pennsylvania. Some Chester County young people found their marital mates among the Amish of Lancaster County and removed to that area, as we have seen. The original Chester County Amish settlers died in the late-eighteenth and early-nineteenth centuries. By 1816 the Amish group was so reduced in size and also so adjusted to non-Amish neighbors that the "Ominist Minist and German Baptists Societies" were sharing the meeting house both as a "House of Worship and school for the use of said Societies" (Deed Book M-3, 331). In 1817 a member of a small group of Bernese Anabaptists who were journeying from Philadelphia to Ohio reported that "On the 16th of October we went 23 miles from Philadelphia to a settlement of five Amish families" and that "On the 17th we then went (on) to the Pequa. Here we stayed a week." Pequa refers to the Lancaster County Amish colony, of course, and the reference to the "five families" 23 miles from Philadelphia clearly locates them in Chester County. Ten years after the date of this visit Jacob Zook, "Trustee of the Great Valley Ominist Society in Chester County," petitioned the Pennsylvania Legislature to sell the land and buildings thereon held by him as trustee for the group, the reason given being that "the Great Valley Ominist Society by death and removals had become nearly extinct" (Deed Book E-4, 310). In March 1827 the property was sold to John Malin, who in turn deeded it to five non-Amish "Trustees of (the) Valley Creek School." The building was thereafter used as a school, Baptist Church, and place of public assembly for the non-Amish inhabitants of the region. Finally, the last Amish family moved from Chester Valley to join co-religionists in Lancaster County in 1834.

The Chester County Amish congregational-community thus declined and finally became extinct as the result of the deaths of its older members, the geographical removal of those who remained Amish, and the outmarriage and acceptance of a non-Amish religion and way of life by those who remained in the Valley. Here, as elsewhere in the history of religiously centered communities, we find that small groups who accept secular beliefs and customs can not survive as sectarian societies. From - "The Morning Call, Allentown, Pa., March, 1955"

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Baptisms of 1907

The following were a group of 31 of the Millcreek District which were baptized by Henry Stoltzfus. Other ministers were Joel Zook, John Zook and Menno Stoltzfus. This took place on the Stephen F. Stoltzfus farm and it is repeated by witnesses that the services were over by 12 6'clock. This church district was divided the following fall.

Those marked thus * are still living.

Elam Glick; John S. Stoltzfus(Abe); John Smoker*; Isaac Zook*; John B. Stoltzfus; Joseph Stoltzfus; Amos Beiler*; Ben Stoltzfus(Stephen F.); Eli Petersheim; John B. Miller*; Amos Stoltzfus; Joel King; Noah Zook*; D.M. Stoltzfus; John F. Stoltzfoos*; Dan S. Stoltzfus*; Reuben Smoker; Amos Stoltzfus(Amos); Amos Beiler(Scelp Level); Katie Stoltzfus(Aaron Esh); Mary Stoltzfus(John); Sallie Allgyer(Ben); Sallie Smoker(Abe John); *Mary Beiler; *Mary Beiler*(Menno); Lydia Stoltzfus(David Ebersol); Mary Stoltzfus(John Fisher); Emma Zook(Sim); *Malinda Stoltzfus(Eli King); Saloma Beiler; Lydia Zook(Frank Peachey).

AN EARLY AMISH COLONY IN CHESTER COUNTY

By Maurice A. Mook

One of the most interesting communities in the early history of Amish settlement in Pennsylvania is the "Society of Amists Brothers," as it is called in a Chester County deed of 1787. (Deed Book C-2, 265; all legal records here cited are at the Chester County Court-house at West Chester, Pa.). According to Amish tradition and family history, the settlement of this group in eastern Chester County began in the early 1770's. It was much reduced in size by 1827, when a deed of that date informs us that the "Great (Chester) Valley Ominist Society" had become nearly extinct (Deed Book E-4, 310). The last Amish family is reported to have moved from the area in the early 1830's.

This community, which survived some sixty years, is of special interest for two reasons: local records clearly indicate the community's early acceptance of non-Amish ways, and the group is unique in being the first Amish congregation in America to build a meetinghouse. The latter was a departure from the already century-old Amish tradition of worshipping in private homes. A "church house" is, in fact, atypical of Amish practice throughout the 250 years of their New World history. Memory of the Chester County Meetinghouse still persists through tradition among the present-day Amish residents of neighboring Lancaster County. The stone-wall foundations of the building are also still discernible. Evidence for the acceptance of non-Amish practices by the members of the community consists largely in records of Amish young people marrying non-Amish mates and joining other churches in the vicinity. The meetinghouse itself is also an example of the acceptance of a non-Amish institution. It has been claimed that the structure of the building was patterned after the plain Quaker meetinghouses, three of which existed in the near-vicinity of the Amish Community in Chester Valley.

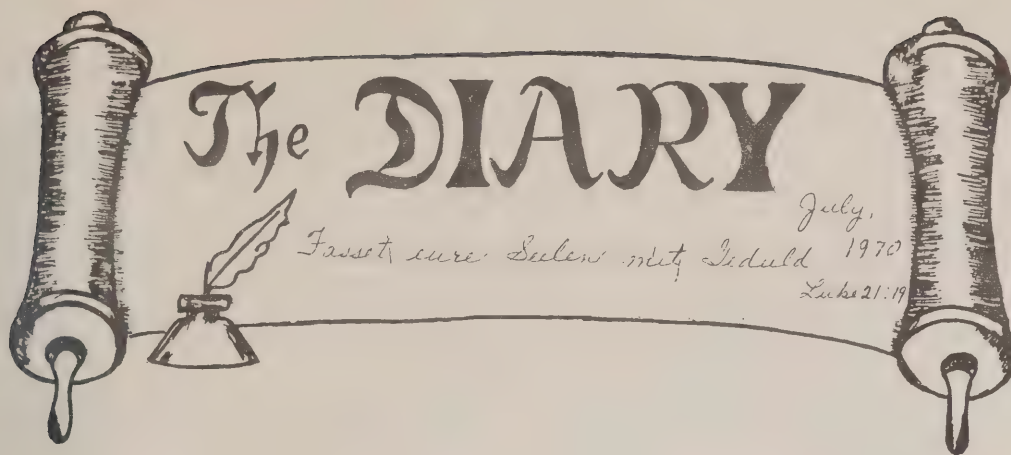
It is hoped that the present attempt to briefly record the history of the group may be of interest, not only because of the importance of the community from the standpoint of culture history, but also because such materials pertaining to the group as have been published have appeared in local and fugitive sources, most of which are difficult of access to the average reader. These consist of a privately printed local history, now out of print; two privately printed family histories, both out of print; an article in a church paper more than 50 years ago; two more recent articles in a local historical series since discontinued, and a recent graduate thesis in history at the University of Pittsburgh. The bulk of the material for the complete history of the community remains unused in the Court House at West Chester, Pa., and in sources collected, classified, and catalogued at the Chester County Historical Society Library, also at West Chester. The present essay will deal particularly with the family names found in the written records and with the material cultural marks of this community--specifically its meetinghouse and the graveyard associated with it. The acculturational aspect of the community life, as evidenced in the still largely unused sources just mentioned, will have to await future study.

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The Chester County "Society of Amists," or Ominist Society (Amish Mennonite) Society," as it is called in a later deed (Deed Book M-C, 331; deed dated Dec. 28, 1816) did not exist as an organized "society" in the usual sense of the word. It was merely a local group of Amish families who lived and worshiped together as a congregational community. Their meetinghouse was used both as a place of worship and as a sectarian school for the Pennsylvania German-speaking young people of the community. This building with its cemetery across the road from it, was located in northern East Whiteland Township in eastern Chester County. A local newspaper in 1928 described the ruins of the former meetinghouse as located "in the heart of the beautiful Chester Valley, about four miles north of the Main Line of the Pennsylvania Railroad." It is elsewhere described as "a short distance west of the Cedar Hollow Lime Quarries on Moore road."

With these descriptions in mind the writer spent several hours attempting to locate the site in December 1954. The road leading west of the lime quarries is now cut off by the Pennsylvania Turnpike. No "Moore road" is marked by either maps or road signs in this vicinity. However there is a Morehall Road which extends northward from Malvern toward Devault. One-half mile south of Devault a narrow unpaved road leads westward from Morehall Road. The site of the meetinghouse is near the north side of this road one mile west of Morehall Road. The small site, now overgrown with bushes and small trees, is surrounded on three sides by a cultivated field. Directly across the road from the ruins of the church is the wall-enclosed cemetery. The wall still stands, as do several dozen gravestones. The ruins of the meetinghouse were razed in the 1930's and what stones

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MARYLAND YOUTH KILLED BY BELT

Joseph E. Stoltzfus, 18, son of Benjamin and Rebecca Stoltzfus, Charlotte Hall, Md. was killed Monday, July 27, when he was caught by a belt on the tractor pulley. He and 2 of his brothers were sawing wood and the belt ran off when the saw hung. The belt was lying on the ground and the pulley was still running inside it. Joe went to stop the tractor and evidently contacted the belt which pulled him in and around the pulley once then sat him on the ground and slapped him every time it came around. The belt had wrapped on the pulley. His one leg was broken in three places and he had several bruises on his chest. He lived for several hours and was conscious at times. He was taken by ambulance to Leonardtown Hospital, then started for Baltimore by helicopter but died soon after take-off. (See obituary)

CANCER VICTIM DIED IN IOWA

Joseph Byler, 42 of Mechanicsville, Maryland, died while in Iowa at a place where he had been doctoring for cancer for some time. His wife Lydia (Zook) stayed with him all the time. He died July 29 at 11 p.m. His brother John and wife, a sister Mary and some others had started out shortly before the death message came.

He is survived by his wife, Lydia (Zook) from Belleville, a brother John and a sister Mary both of Mechanicsville, Maryland. He was a son of the late Mose and Lizzie Byler.

ADAMS COUNTY, INDIANA FIRE

Lightning struck the large bank barn on the John C. Schwartz farm Wednesday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. and burned it to the ground. The Schwartz's had just finished making their new hay and the barn was completely filled. Lost with the hay were a number of farm implements. Mr. Schwartz was able to free 2 horses and several head of cattle. By the time firemen arrived the barn was a roaring fire, but they were able to save other buildings. usually they would have been milking at that time, but because of the weather they went in to the house to eat supper.

ACCIDENTS AT BELLEVILLE, PA.

Mrs. Jonas (Lydia) Yoder, while on the way home from town, planned to stop at the home of her parents, David C. Swareys, for her sister Susie, who planned to be with her a few days. Susie walked up the hill toward the highway and Lydia had already started down, when the girls met they tried to turn around but the carriage upset. The horse ran down the hill dragging carriage and girls, when the carriage tore apart the girls tumbled out, first Susie then Lydia. Lydia had her heels scraped, but soon had it healed with "Union Salve." Susie had scraped knees and elbows and her right leg above the ankle was cut and scraped so that the ligaments were seen. She was in the hospital 5 days. Skin was grafted on her leg and she has a cast on it for 18 days. Since the cast is off she too uses "Union Salve" and it seems to be healing nicely.

Abner, son of Ben and Katie Zook was playing with a corn sheller and in some way his hand got caught and part of 2 fingers were taken off. His hand was also badly cut and he was treated at the hospital then sent home.

David C. Swarey was hurt while pushing in a silo wall with a tractor. He was taken to the hospital because of a cracked leg. He had a cast put on and was sent home.

Rufus, son of David and Lizzie Peachey was kicked in the face by a horse. His front teeth were knocked out and his lips were badly cut. He was treated at the hospital.

BIRTHS

Somerset County, Pa.

Yoder, Crist (Lizzie Kinsinger) a dau.
ANNA RUTH, July 13

Mifflin County, Pa.

Zook, David (Lena Byler) Belleville,
a son DAVID, July 5

Snyder County, Pa.

Schwartz, Peter T. (Susan Wickey) a
daughter REBEKAH, July 1

Johnson County, Iowa

Brenneman, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. a
son LABAN RAY, June 24Overholt, Mr. and Mrs. Joe of Kalona,
now in IW at Sarasota, Fla. a dau LINDA KAY,
July 15Ropp, Lloyd and Anna Mae a dau VELDA A.
July 27

Buchanan County, Iowa

Beechy, Mose (Lizzie Bontrager) Hazleton, a daughter KATIE, June 9
 Helmuth, Eli (Ada Hershberger) Hazleton, a daughter LOVINA, July 9
 Helmuth, William (Katie Raber) Hazleton, a daughter MARY, June 12
 Hershberger, Neal (Clara Bontrager) Hazleton, a son NEAL, July 2
 Lambright, Neal (Viola Hershberger) Hazleton, a daughter SUSIE, June 30
 Miller, Noah (Mary Shetler) Independence, a son LEVI, July 4
 Raber, Abe (Katie Helmuth) Hazleton, a daughter MARIE, June 29
 Yoder, William Jay (Katie Miller) Independence, a daughter MATTIE, June 16
 Yutzy, Dave (Ella Bontrager) Hazleton, a son GIDEON, July 10
 Yutzy, Norman (Ida Miller) Hazleton, a daughter ESTHER, July 25

LaGrange County, Indiana

Bontrager, Ervin (Ida Mae Miller) Shipshewana, a daughter RUBY E., July 18
 Bontrager, Glen (Wilma Hochstetler) Topeka R1, a daughter LAVERDA ANN, July 4
 Bontrager, John M. (Esther Miller) Topeka R1, a daughter WANDA FERN, July 14
 Bontrager, Perry (Maryann Yoder) Shipshewana R1, a son NORMAN RAY, July 26
 Fry, Andrew (Barbara Kinsinger) Shipshewana R2, a daughter DELORIS A., July 24
 Fry, Harley (Alice Hostetler) Topeka R2, a daughter POLLYANNA, July 22
 Hostetler John (Edith Graber) LaGrange R4, a son MARION, July 3
 Graber, Elmer (Viola Yoder) LaGrange R4, a son DAVID, July 18
 Miller, Ervin E. (Elizabeth Miller) LaGrange R1, a son DANIEL E., July 8
 Miller, Floyd (Mary Lehman) Topeka R2, a son DALE RAY, June 23
 Miller, Orla D. (Betty Bontrager) Middlebury, a daughter KAYLENE, July 3
 Schwartz, Sam (Betty Lambright) LaGrange R1, a daughter JOAN S., June 26
 Slabach, Freeman (Edna Frey) Millersburg R1, a son DEVON RAY, June 28
 Weaver, LeRoy (Ida Bontrager) Topeka R1, a son LEROY JR., July 22
 Weaver, Levi (Lizzie Yoder) Topeka R1, a son WILBUR LEE, July 23
 Wengerd, Mose (Anna Borkholder) Topeka R2, a son JOSEPH M., July 22
 Wengerd, Raymond (Dora Miller) Shipshewana R2, a son JONAS, June 28
 Wickey, Corneal (Lena Shrock) LaGrange R1, a daughter LAURA, July 13
 Yoder, Alton (Iva Fry) Topeka R1, a son DANNY LEE, July 26
 Yoder, Fred (Elsie Graber) LaGrange R4, a daughter RUTH ANN, June 26
 Yoder, Gerald (Wilma Miller) Wolcottville R2, a daughter DORIS ANN, July 26

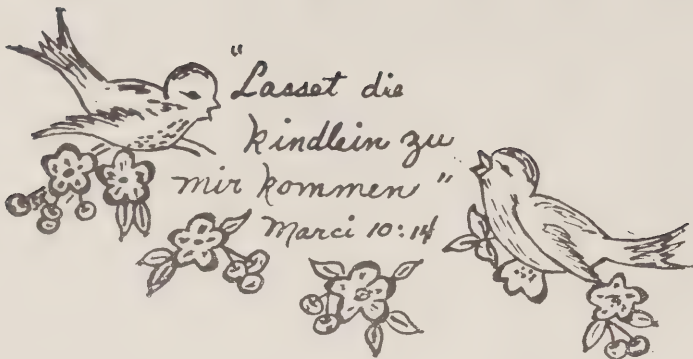
Adams County, Indiana

Graber, David J. (Millie Lambright) Geneva R2, a son ALVIN, June 27
 Schwartz, David Y. (Ada Hilty) Geneva R2, a son CHRISTIAN, June 19
 Schwartz, Melvin H. (Josephine Schwartz) Berne R1, a son ALBERT, June 5
 Schwartz, Menno G. (Katie Christner) Berne R1, a daughter RACHEL, June 12
 Schwartz, Samuel G. (Barbara Schwartz) Berne R1, a son MARTIN, June 14
 Shetler, Andy (Sovilla Hilty) Monroe R1, a daughter MELINDA, June 24

Daviess County, Indiana

Wagler, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer, a son ROBERT WAYNE, May 18

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Daviess County, Indiana

Stoll, Eugene (Mary Catherine Wagler) a son STEVEN, July 29
 Wagler, David (Esther Wagler) a son VERNON, July 10
 Wagler, Enos (Rosanna Stoll) a son ERVIN, June 28
 Wagler, Lester (Ida Mae Knepp) a daughter JANET, July 22

Arthur, Illinois

Bontrager, Ervin C. (Mary Plank) a son LAMAR
 Chupp, Louis (Mary Bontrager) a daughter ROSA, July 16
 Diener, Ben (Ella Herschberger) a daughter BARBARA, July 19
 Diener, Lewis (Treva Yoder) a daughter REBECCA JO, July
 Yoder, John (Elmina Yoder) a son PAUL JOSEPH, July

St. Mary's County, Maryland

Hostetler, Jacob (Saloma Byler) Mechanicsville, a daughter IDA, July 16
 Stoltzfus, Amos R. (Mary Stoltzfus) Mechanicsville, a daughter BARBARA, July 29
 Stoltzfus, Samuel S. (Lydia Hertzler) Mechanicsville, a son BENUUEL, July 12
 Swarey, Isreal (Lizzie Hostetler) Charlotte Hall, a daughter SUSIE, July 26

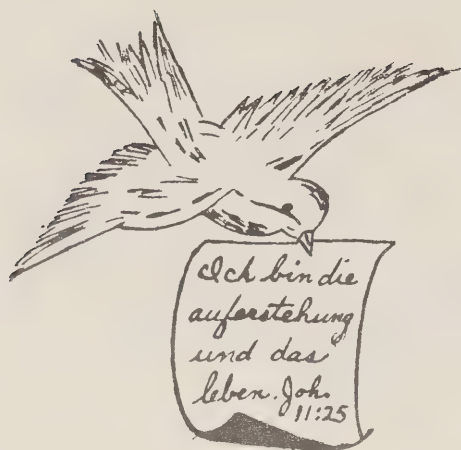
Holmes County, Ohio

Hershberger, Mr. and Mrs. Aden J., Dundee R2, a son, July 23
 Hostetler, Mr. and Mrs. Luther, Millersburg, R3, a son, July 16
 Keim, Mr. and Mrs. John W., Ashland R5, a daughter, July 21
 Kuhns, Mr. and Mrs. William, Holmesville, a son, July 23
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin M., Orville, a son, July 4
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John C., Baltic, a son, July 17
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John E., Fredericksburg R1, a daughter, July 19
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas D., Millersburg R5, a son, July 13
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Levi D. M., Millersburg Star Route, a daughter, July 15
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Norman, Millersburg R4, a son, July 20
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Ray S., Holmesville R1, a daughter, July 12
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Roy L., Winesburg, a son, July 25
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wyman, Sugarcreek, a daughter, July 18
 Nisley, Mr. and Mrs. Mose A., Millersburg R2, a daughter, July 25
 Raber, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M., Millersburg R4, a son, July 25
 Raber, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin M. Millersburg R4, a son, July 14
 Schlabach, Mr. and Mrs. David, Big Prairie, a daughter, July 4
 Schlabach, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C., Sugarcreek R1, a daughter, July 9
 Schlabach, Mr. and Mrs. John D., Millersburg R2, a daughter, July 16
 Schlabach, Mr. and Mrs. Mose D., Sugarcreek R1, a son, July 25
 Schlabach, Mr. and Mrs. Roman, Baltic R1, a son, July 26
 Shetler, Mr. and Mrs. Milton, Millersburg R5, a daughter, July 7
 Troyer, Mr. and Mrs. John A. N., Sugarcreek R1, a son, July 20
 Troyer, Mr. and Mrs. Levi J. P., Millersburg R3, a daughter, July 19
 Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E., Millersburg R5, a daughter, July 8
 Wengerd, Mr. and Mrs. David J., Apple Creek R2, a daughter, July 28
 Wengerd, Mr. and Mrs. Eli, Dalton, a son, July 24

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Allgyer, Elam (Rachel Blank) New Providence R1, a son, July 28
 Beiler, Benjamin S. (Katie K. Stoltzfoos) Lancaster R4, a son GIDEON, July 19
 Beiler, David L. (Elizabeth S. Beiler) Lynwood Rd., Ronks R1, a daughter SADIE, July 21
 Beiler, Elmer K. (Anna Mary Glick) 860 Hartman St. Rd. Lancaster, a son, July 4
 Beiler, Henry K. (Katie F. Stoltzfoos) Christiana R1, a daughter KATIE S., July 16
 Beiler, Henry L. (Katie B. Zook) 95 N. Maple Ave., Leola, a daughter MALINDA K., July 27
 Beiler, John S. (Rebecca E. King) 106 Horseshoe Rd., Leola, a son DAVID K., July 19
 Ebersol, Aaron (Susie Riehl) 299 Newport Rd., Leola, a son JESSE B., July 6
 Fisher, Emanuel S. (Katie Stoltzfus) Narvon R2, twin daughters MARY ANN & MARTHA, July 27
 Fisher, Omar S. (Rebecca K. Esh) Ronks R1, a son, OMAR E. JR., July 31
 Glick, Melvin S. (Amanda Stoltzfus) Conestoga R1, a daughter NAOMI, July 7
 King, Amos K. (Melinda S. Kauffman) Gordonville R1, a daughter MARY, July 31
 King, Jonathan S. (Hannah Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter SARAH, July 28
 King, Omar F. (Barbara E. Fisher) Coatesville R2, a daughter BARBARA ANN, July 17
 Lapp, Amos (Ruth Petersheim) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter MARY, June 24
 Lapp, Christ K. (Anna Mary Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son, July 30
 Lapp, Isaac K. (Lydia A. Kinsinger) Holtwood R1, a son ANDREW S., July 2
 Miller, Elmer L. (Hannah Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son ELMER S., July 3
 Miller, Jonas F. (Malinda K. Glick) Christiana R1, a daughter LEAH G., July 13
 Speicher, Aaron (Rebecca King) Witmer, a daughter SADIE K., July 25
 Stoltzfoos, David F. (Sadie K. Stoltzfus) New Providence R1, a son JOHN S., July 9
 Stoltzfoos, Elam B. (Priscilla Fisher) Hess Rd., Leola R1, a daughter NAOMI F., July 13
 Stoltzfus, Emanuel Z. (Malinda Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter KATIE L., July 25
 Stoltzfus, John K. (Sarah Stoltzfus) Ronks R1, a son MELVIN, June 2
 Stoltzfus, John S. (Anna Stoltzfus) Narvon R1, a son, July 7
 Zook, Gideon (Mary Fisher) Gap R1, a daughter, SADIE RUTH, July 31

OBITUARIES



Christner, Mrs. Susan (Miller) Shipshewana R2, Indiana died July 5 at the age of 85. She had been in failing health for several weeks and suffered a stroke four days earlier. She was born Sept. 25, 1884, and lived all her life in LaGrange County. In 1904 she married Noah K. Miller who died Jan. 14, 1929. On June 8, 1947, she married Sam J. Christner, who survives. Also surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Lawrence (Lydia) Yoder, Mrs. Samuel (Anna) Farmwald, Miss Susie Miller and Mrs. Ammon (Ida) Beechy, all of Shipshewana; four sons, John N., Belleville, Pa., Perry N., Middlebury., and Olen N., Tipton, Ind.; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Albert Miller, Kokomo, and Mrs. Ora Eash, Shipshewana; two stepsons, John S. Christner and Olen S. Christner, both of Shipshewana; a brother, William Weirich, Sturgis, Mich.; two sisters, Mrs. Samuel (Nancy) Yoder, Shipshewana, and Mrs. Anna Burnham, Goshen; 30 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. The funeral services were conducted at the Orley S. Miller residence by Bishop John Troyer; Burial in Naylor Cemetery.

Diener, Kathryn, aged 9 years, daughter of Jacob Dieners of LaGrange County, Indiana was born May 5, 1961 and died July 9, 1970. Surviving with her parents are a sister Wanda and a brother Lyle at home, her grandparents, Mrs. Elmer F. Miller of Middlebury and Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Diener of Sullivan, Ill. and her great grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Schrock of Arthur, Illinois.

Fisher, Rachel S., aged 2 months and 24 days, daughter of Daniel K. and Annie (Stoltzfus) of Quarryville R3, died Saturday July 4 at her home. Besides her parents, she is survived by two brothers, Samuel S. and Amos S., both at home; paternal grandparents, John E. and Rachel Fisher, Quarryville R3; maternal grandparents, Samuel M. and Katie K. Stoltzfus, Christiana R1; maternal great grandfather, Samuel E. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1, and paternal great grandmother, Rebecca Fisher, Gordonville R1. Funeral services were held by Joel Zook and Dan Stoltzfus; Hymn read by Dan U. Stoltzfus; Burial in Bart Cemetery.

King, Mrs. Barbara L., widow of John S. King, Ronks R1, Pa. aged 69 yr., 11 mo., and 6 days died Sunday, July 7, at her home after a lengthy illness. Born in East Lampeter Twp., she was a daughter of the late Isaac and Susan (Lapp) Fisher. Surviving are these children, Mary, wife of Aaron E. Fisher; Christ S., both of Paradise R1; Rebecca, wife of Emanuel L. Fisher; Emma, wife of Aaron F. King, both of Gordonville R1; Levi A., Gap R2; Jesse F., Ronks R1; John A., Gordonville R1; Barbara, wife of Samuel E. Fisher, Paradise R1; Omar F., Coatesville R2; Eli F., Ronks R1; Abner F., Kinzers R1; and Miss Susie King, at home. Also surviving are 69 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren; 3 sisters and a brother, Mrs. Emma Lapp; Elam S. Fisher, both of Gordonville R1; Mrs. Mary Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1; and Susie, wife of Banuel E. Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3. Funeral services were held by Amos E. King and John K. Lapp; Hymn read by Amos F. Stoltzfus; Burial in Myers Cemetery.

King, Christian J., aged 48 yrs., 3 mo., and 16 days of East Main Street, Leola, Pennsylvania died Saturday, July 25 at the home of his sisters, Sarah and Rhoda King, after a long illness. He attended the Old Order Amish church as health permitted. Born in Earl Twp., he was a son of the late Christian S. and Sarah (Fisher) King. Survivors include the following brothers and sisters: Anna, wife of Jephtha Z. Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3; Jacob F., New Holland R1; Benjamin F., Kirkwood R1; Rhoda and Sarah, Leola, with whom he resided; Lizzie, wife of Jonathan L. Beiler, Leola R1, and Joel F., Leola R1. The funeral services were held at the Jacob F. King residence by John K. Beiler and John K. Lapp; Hymn by Samuel K. King; Burial in Myers Cemetery.

Kuhns, Wilbur Dean, 10½ month old son of Alvin L. and Verna (Lehman) Kuhns, Shipshewana R2, Ind. was born August 26, 1969 in LaGrange County and died July 20, 1970. Surviving with the parents are two brothers, David Joe and Johnny Ray and one sister, Lori Ann, all at home, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos J. Lehman of Shipshewana, and Mrs. Elizabeth Kuhns of Leesburg R2, and his great grandmother, Mrs. Fannie Lehman of Topeka, R1, Indiana.

Miller, Delbert A., 17, of Bourbon R4, Indiana died July 15, after an illness of three months with leukemia. He was born in LaGrange County, May 11, 1953 a son of Amos J. M. and Anna (Helmuth) Miller. Surviving with the parents are four brothers, Glen, Jacob, Amos Jr., all of Nappanee and Harley of Etna Green, four sisters, Katie Anna, and Mary Edna both at home, Mrs. Noah Burkholder of Nappanee and Mrs. Herman Miller of Etna Green and his grandmother, Mrs. Jacob Schlabach of Topeka R2.

Miller, Edward M. 16, son of Melvin A. and Mary J. (Miller) Miller of Sugarcreek R1, Ohio died Friday, July 24 in Aultman Hospital, Canton of Rheumatic Fever. Survivors with his parents are 6 sisters, Mrs. Richard (Anna) Short, Wilmington, Del., Mrs. Jonas D. (Lovina Troyer, Sugarcreek, Mrs. Melvin J. (Verna) Troyer, Sugarcreek R1, Mary, Ada and Alma at home. 7 brothers, Andy M., New Philadelphia, Marvin M., Berlin, Alvin M. and Melvin Jr., Sugarcreek, Monroe M., Akron, Jonas M. and Nelson M. at home. Funeral services were held by Bishop Andy N. Troyer; Burial in the Schlabach Cemetery in Holmes County.

Schlabach, Roy J., 43, of Fredericksburg R2, Ohio died at Wooster Community Hospital July 19 where he had been a patient for 15 days. He is survived by his wife, Katie; his father John L. Schlabach; two daughters, Ada and Naomi; five sons, John Wayne, Milo, Roy Jr. and Marcus, all at home; two brothers, Dan of Fredericksburg R2 and Wyman of Millersburg R5; two sisters, Mrs. Levi L. Hershberger and Miss Lydia Schlabach of Fredericksburg R2. Funeral services were held by Roman D. Mast; Burial in Schlabach Cemetery.

Shrock, Dan N., 65, of Sugarcreek R2, Ohio died Saturday morning at his residence of an apparent heart attack. Born near Sugarcreek, he was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel J. Shrock. His first wife, Elvina Yoder, died in 1938. He is survived by his second wife, Katie Schlabach; three sons, Owen D. Shrock and Eli D. of Sugar Creek; Levi D. of Walnut Creek; a brother, Eli N., of Sugarcreek R2; and 10 grandchildren. a brother died previously.

Stoltzfus, Joseph E., 18, son of Benjamin and Rebecca Stoltzfus, Charlotte Hall, Maryland died Monday, July 27, enroute to Baltimore by Emergency helicopter from Leonard Hospital after being injured in a wood sawing accident. (See Front Page) Besides his parents he is survived by 3 brothers and 2 sisters, all married but Samuel, 16, who was with him at the time of the accident: Gideon, Charlotte Hall; Stephen, Mechanisville; Sally, wife of Samuel Hostetler, Charlotte Hall; Lydia, wife of Isaac Hostetler, Charlotte Hall, a grandmother, Sally Stoltzfus of Bird-in-Hand, Pa. Funeral services were held by Amos M. Stoltzfus and Benuel King of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Summy, Amanda, 78, wife of Jake Summy of Somerset County, Pennsylvania died of a lingering illness at her home on July 13. Surviving are 2 sons and 2 daus., Eli of Grantsville, Md., John of Staunts Draft, Va., Mrs. Menno J. Yoder (Matilda) and Mary of Meyersdale, Pa. Funeral services were held by Ray S. Kinsinger and Noah J. Yoder; Burial at Summit Mills Cemetery.

Yoder, Andrew J. C., 67, of Millersburg R5, Ohio died Friday, July 10 in Pomerene Hospital after a long illness. He was owner of the Fryburg Machine Shop. Born in Holmes County, he was a son of John C. and Bena (Miller) Yoder. Surviving are his widow, the former Mattie Gingerich; a son, Melvin of Winesburg; 5 daughters, Mrs. Alvin (Effie) Troyer of Star Route, Millersburg; Mrs. Floyd A. (Emma) Miller of Sugarcreek R2; Mrs. Roman (Susan) Miller of Dundee R1; Mrs. John (Mahala) Mast of Paraguay, South America; and Ellen at home; 4 brothers, Jacob of Ashland; Clifford, Melvin and John Jr. of Fredericksburg R2; 3 sisters, Mrs. Mose M. Troyer of Fredericksburg R2, and Mrs. Peter Weaver of Fredericksburg R1, and Mrs. Eli M. Yoder of Millersburg R5; 24 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, a grandchild and a sister. Funeral services were held at the home of John J. C. Yoder by Bishop John Fry; Burial in Troyer Cemetery.

Fredericksburg, Ohio

The funeral of Preacher Roy J. Schlabach was largely attended by over 1200 people. Sermons were by Pre. Jerry Kline, Joe Bontrager from Ind. and Bishop Abe Miller. Roy was ordained minister May 5, 1963, passed away July 19, 1970, funeral held Wed. July 22. He was married to Katie Detweiler, March 2, 1950.

Ordination at Mt. Pleasant Mills, Snyder Co., Pennsylvania

On May 16, 1970 Moses T., son of Christian P. and Mary (Troyer) Schwartz was ordained minister by D. L. Nissly of Leraysville, Pa.

Amish Aid meeting of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

was held at the home of John A. Kauffman, Intercourse on May 30. Approximately 75 directors were present. It was decided only members of churches with teams may be policy holders.

Arthur, Illinois

Visiting minister in our community: July 19, Peter Miller and son-in-law Noah Miller from Indiana. July 26, Minister Lloyd Miller from Ind. Aug. 2, Minister Uria Miller, Ind.

NOTICE!! DIARY DAY August 15, 1970 at the home of Joseph F. Beiler, Gordonville R1, Lanc. Co. Pa.

This will be the reporters day to get acquainted, exchange views and experiences and discuss problems. To begin at 9:00 A.M. EST. In the A.M. the staff will give a report of the work involved and the progress made in publishing THE DIARY. Lunch will be served at the home. All reporters and ex-reporters are urged to attend. Other persons interested in the project, especially ministers are welcome. Those coming from out of state please let us know in advance so we can make reservations for you.



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From a Farm Ledger of 1870: "To 3 Days Harvesting, 5.25; To 3½ Days Harvesting, 5.81; To 2 Days Harvesting, 3.50; Charget for Wood, .80; To 2½ Days Working at the dong, 3.12; To 2½ Days binding oats, 3.37; To 2½ Days Hawling dong, 3.12; Charget for 2 quart baries, .22.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania by Eli S. King and Levi L. Stoltzfus

We had wet, warm weather through July with a lot of thundershowers. Wheat harvest was late due to wet weather. The last week of the month was partly cloudy with high humidity. Temperature reached nearly 100 degrees at times with not much air going. Total rainfall was 6.9 inches, more in some areas.

Live Stock Market: Fat Steers, top was \$32.60 cwt.; Veal, 48.00 cwt.; Feeder Steers, from 28.00 to 32.00 cwt.; Fat Hogs, from 25.50 to 27.50 cwt. A load of up-state dairy cows sold from \$395.00 - 620.00 each and 1 load of spring heifers out of Canada sold for 430. - 790. each at Green Dragon Market. Hay prices from 25. to 40. a Ton; Straw from 30. to 38. a Ton; Ear Corn, 41. Ton; Shell Corn, 1.47 bu.; Wheat, 1.40 bu.; Barley .87 bu.; Oats, .70 bu.; Potatoes, 4.00 cwt.; Large Eggs, .38 doz.; Fowl Frice, Light, .08 lb., Heavy, .20 lb.

The rainfall for July in the Bareville area was 9.3 inches. (1969 was 10.4 in.) On July 10 they had 7 inches of rain in some parts of the county. The Lancaster Intell reports the wettest July on record was 1945 with 9.66 inches for the county and in 1969 for the county it reports 7.29 inches. Lancaster Intell also reports that on Sept. 19, 1927 a record of rain fell in a 24 hour period, 6.6 inches. Trolley cars were reportedly derailed on all county lines and three bridges were washed out between Lancaster and Coatesville.

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

We had 10.2 inches of rainfall in July. Three inches of it fell on the 20th in several afternoon and evening showers in the Myerstown area. Showers were accompanied by strong wind and very sharp thunder. Lightning struck at a number of places and there was minor damage from the wind. Creeks filled to overflowing and water gathered rapidly in low places. Some roads could barely be traveled. Myerstown was described as looking like a big lake. The last week of July was exhaustingly warm with temperatures in the nineties.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania by Catherine Swarey

July was warm, humid and hazy. Rainfall was 4.2 inches. Wheat thrashing was done between showers. Very little oats cut, it is badly tangled, some almost flat. Corn looks good. Wheat is selling at \$1.40; Shoats, 21.00 - 24.00.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania by Abe S. Kinsinger

Corn is in tassels. Oats is started to ripen and is being cut with a good crop but badly tangled. Rainfall was 6 inches with rain almost every day the last week. Not very good second cutting hay weather and a lot of wheat is to be threshed yet.

St. Mary's County, Maryland by Amos R. Stoltzfus

July started in very warm and humid and left again that way. Had some nice days between the 11th and the 23rd and also a nice amount of rain. The last 8 days were very warm and humid; several thundershowers but no relief. We had approximately 5.2 inches of rain in July.

Fredericksburg, Ohio

Mostly warm and humid latter part of July with the 1st part being rainy and damp. Last of hay was made and some started 2nd cutting. Oats and wheat id mostly thrashed.

Holmes County, Ohio by David E. Miller

We are having wonderful growing weather with plenty of rain. Corn looks like a bumper crop. Wheat is a fair crop with a yield of around 40 to 45 bu. per acre. The first oats we thrashed made around 100 bu. per acre and some is going to make over 100 bu. Second cutting hay looks good. We had lots of cherries and apples but peaches are hardly half a crop. They are being shipped in by the truck load and selling for 4.50 a bushel.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Total rainfall for July was 4.6 inches. Most of the wheat is thrashed. Not much thrashing was done the last two weeks because of rainfall about every other day. Corn is looking good with lots of moisture and warm weather.

Daviess County, Indiana by Lester Marner

Corn is growing nicely and rainfall is adequate. Some hay is being put up. Peaches are from \$3.75 to 4.00 a bushel with reports of one third crop.

Arthur, Illinois by Menno A. Diener

The last few days in June were rather warm, Temperature was 95 degrees. Three horses were reported dead from the heat. July was warm with cool nights. Thrashing has been delayed by local and scattered showers and will be a short job this year. Yields are below normal due to heavy rains last spring and low acreage.

Buchanan County, Iowa by Joe A. Yoder

July was a warm month in general with several days close to the 100 degree mark. A few sharp changes to cool for a few days. Later part of month is getting quite dry. Oats is being cut and thrashed with a fair yield. Corn is well along in season.

Johnson County, Iowa by Eli S. Bontrager

We have had rain nearly as needed so far, had nearly an inch of rain July 29th. Have had some warm and sultry days but has cooled off some again. A large barn was struck by lightning July 29th and burned down along with about 2000 bales of hay and straw. This is the third large barn burned in the last 5 weeks in a radius of $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles. However the other 2 were not burned by lightning. These were all on Mennonite farms.

MARRIAGES

Holmes County, Ohio

July 23, Leroy, son of William Chupp and Elizabeth, daughter of Dan R. Troyer

LaGrange County, Indiana

May 14, Calvin, son of O. Vernon and Ada (Eash) Miller and Marilyn, daughter of Bishop Milo J. K. and the late Alma (Miller) Miller by the bride's father

July 2, Melvin, son of Lewis Eash of Ligonier R1 and Alta J., daughter of Joni E. Miller of Shipshewana R1

July 9, Ben, son of Sam Eicher of Allen County and Betty, daughter of Emanuel Zehr of Middlebury R1

Daviess County, Indiana

Enos Wittmer and Barbara Stoll on July 19 by Bishop Ben E. Wagler

Adams County, Indiana

John N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah R. Schwartz and Susanne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Troyer on June 11

Jake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wickey, Berne R1 and Sylvia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew K. Schwartz on June 21

ACCIDENTS

Arthur, Illinois

On June 26 Louis E. Schrock, to avoid being kicked by a horse, jumped and landed side ways on his right foot, breaking his ankle. He is wearing a walking cast.

Edwin Herschberger, through some unexpected way, sprained his ankle as that he went on crutches a few days.

On July 3 Howard, 11 year-old son of Ben M. Diener was raking hay with a side delivery rake. The flies bothered him and he lost control of the team and was run over by the rake. He body was bruised so that he was in the hospital for a week. He came home July 10 and is gaining satisfactorily.

Johnson County, Iowa

Cephas (Chris) Yoder, 18, has a badly broken leg caused by a cow kicking him. He returned home from the hospital the 28th. Address is Kalona.

Mabel, 16, daughter of Alvin L. Millers of Kalona has been sick several week with ear infection and is very dizzy at times. Her brother Leslie, 11, got hurt quite badly when a cow was pushed over on him while milking a week ago, resulting in bad cuts and bruises around the upper left leg. A number of stitches were required to close the wounds.

Mrs. Isaiah Miller fell down the stairway several weeks ago and broke her right arm and little finger on left hand, besides some head bruises. Address is Kalona

Ivan M. Miller has a broken arm and his wife a sprained foot. Both are recovering. Address is Riverside.

Preacher Fred Nisly, a cancer victim is in University Hospital and not well. Address is Kalona.

Mrs. Lewis Brenniman, a cancer victim is home from the hospital again but is not well. Address is Kalona.



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Familien Register

David Lappi Zieg und Luise Anna Hoffmayer haben sich in
den nfr. bairischen den 24^{ten} Januar im Jahr 1836

Und haben im Ehestand 46 Jahre 8 monath und 9 tage.

Geburten

David Lappi Zieg ist geboren im Jahr 1812 den 4. September
und sein weibl. Luise Anna Hoffmayer ist geboren im Jahr 1817
den 20^{ten} Juli.

Kinder

Josephine Zieg ist geboren den 2^{ten} Sonntag im Jahr 1838

Luise Zieg ist geboren den 24^{ten} März im Jahr 1840

Im Jahr 1843 den 5^{ten} März sind uns zwanzig Kinder
zuw. wohl geboren. Den nachgebornen heißt Luise? und
heissen sie Mädchen mit einem Namen.

Lappi Zieg ist geboren den 29^{ten} Juli im Jahr 1847

Und den 20^{ten} Januar im Jahr 1848 wurde alt 5 und 20 tage.

Lappi K. Zieg ist geboren den 18^{ten} Sonntag im Jahr im Jahr 1849

Simon Zieg ist geboren den 9^{ten} Sonntag im Jahr im Jahr 1851

Luise Anna Zieg ist geboren den 6^{ten} Sonntag im Jahr 1853

Liese Zieg ist geboren den 27^{ten} März im Jahr 1858

Maximilian Zieg ist geboren den 12^{ten} August im Jahr 1863

From MENNONITE HISTORICAL BULLETIN, January, 1969

NEBRASKA AMISH MENNONITES AND WAR BONDS IN WORLD WAR I

Mennonite Problem Solved

Under Which Leader Himself Subscribes and Future Activities Will Be Supported.

The County Council of Defense had something of a "clean up" program in which complaints along various lines were taken from an invisible docket and acted upon. Everything was entered into--from deliberations over Mennonite tenets, to evidence of displeasure over America because of the fading away of beer. Cases ranging from mere tightness to bald treason engaged the attention. Some citations developed the fact that they were only misunderstandings; others indicated a determined hostility toward meeting the demands of the hour as voiced by the unwritten law as to the duty to buy bonds and give to the Red Cross.

The case of Mr. Stalfus, Mennonite leader of the colony, in a rich portion of the county north of Wood River, was one of the first taken up. It is a particularly interesting case, because of the close questions involved. The government, in the early stages of the war, took the position, in the matter of military service, that it would not force one of religious convictions to the contrary, to engage in combative service. Various interpretations have been made of this position. The government has not however, exempted, from duty to support, any sect or class. There is an exemption in the military branch but it is not complete. Men of the faith indicated are obliged to aid the government but are not compelled to kill--that is shoot or bayonet--and this has been construed by some to give them freedom of conscience in other respects. The present complaint arose from the fact that Mr. Stalfus was present when a committee solicitor was getting a subscription from one of the flock; and active interference with war work took place, it is contended, when Stalfus told the solicited member, in the presence of the solicitor, that it was not compulsory to buy bonds. The citizen had thereupon declined to purchase, although he had previously supported the government in a similar manner.

Says He Was Provoked

Chairman Horth, of the Liberty Bond Committee, read a statement of efforts made by Mennonites whereby they could support the government and yet not violate their conscience in the matter of participating in warfare. Negotiations with the government by higher representatives of the Mennonites and the results thereof were placed before the council. The latest effort of the Mennonites to compromise differences is to do their part by contributing more freely to the reconstruction already proceeding in France. Yet this does not meet with what is demanded by the vast majority of all other Americans. It was evidently the consensus of opinion of the members of the council that Mr. Stalfus had directly interfered with the work of the war, in plain violation of the sedition act, in the present drive. There was evidence, also, of similar interference in the War Stamp drive. When he appeared before the council himself, Mr. Stalfus immediately gave some evidence of the pacifist convictions in him, and in Mennonites generally, by stating in a quiet even voice--and nothing during the entire session appeared to perturb him--that it might not have been any of his business to speak as he did to the solicitor and the solicited member, and he was sorry that the incident had occurred; but he had been provoked to it by what he had considered a slurring remark on the part of the solicitor, and had no evil intentions toward the government.

Members Glade, Schuff, Donald, Abbott and others of the council, and Chairman Horth, of the War Activities Committee, engaged in a most interesting debate with Mr. Stalfus on subjects of scriptural inhibition and prohibition and of individual conscience. It was moved toward the close of the discussion that the county attorney be instructed to begin proceedings under Section 1, of the sedition law, against Mr. Stalfus.

Reach An Understanding

So far as the Liberty Bond work was concerned, Chairman Horth appeared to prefer rather that some complete understanding could be effected between Mr. Stalfus and the council which agreement was to cover this and all future war activities, and such an understanding was finally arrived at when Chairman Horth stipulated that if Mennonites could not subscribe to bonds and do their share otherwise, they could make subscriptions with mental reservation that it was under compulsion, and Mr. Stalfus fully yielded to this stipulation, agreeing that he would permit others to follow their own consciences of the law in the matter and would himself subscribe the sum suggested, \$500 in bonds, although he explained to the council that he would be required to borrow every dollar of it. He admitted that he was worth from \$8,000 to \$11,000, but said, however, that he had a large family to support, including the wife of a son-in-law who was in the service and who declined to take any pay from the government because he was granted exemption from combative work.

(From the Grand Island Daily Independent, October 17, 1918. Mr. Stalfus was preacher Ammon E. Stoltzfus of Wood River, Nebraska, born 1872, died 1965. He was the grandfather of my wife Alverda. Grampa related personally to me how that the Lord seemed to tell him what to say. One of his sons related that the nearer he got to Grand Island to appear before the council the calmer he became. His son-in-law was probably Menno Stutzman who married his daughter Mary on May 18, 1918. Wilmer D. Swope)

THE AMISH COMMUNITY AT GRANTSVILLE, MARYLAND

by Ivan J. Miller
(Bishop, Conservative Menn. Church, Grantsville)

The American pioneers could usually be divided into three classes: The monied speculators who took up land to sell later as the community's economy developed, the roving trapper or hunter, and the substantial settlers who acquired their lands where they lived with their families and developed useful farms, homes and business. In this last class belong the industrious Amish people who moved into this area west of the Allegheny mountains when this land was acquired by the colonies from the Indians through the treaty of Fort Stanwix in 1768. Most of them came from settlements in eastern Pennsylvania where they had come from Europe. They were attracted to Pennsylvania by the religious liberty offered by William Penn to the oppressed minority groups of Europe. The first Amish settlers along the Castleman River arrived in the decade preceeding the war of the Colonies with England.

The two arteries of travel into the area were the Braddock Road (National Trail) now U.S. Rt. 40 and the Forbes Road now U.S. Rt. 30. Both of these roads were neglected, washed-out military roads when the first Amish came over them. Those coming from eastern Pennsylvania came over the Forbes Road and then found their way south through Somerset county, Pennsylvania into the Meyersdale, Pa.--Grantsville, Md. vicinity. Those landing at Baltimore traveled the Braddock Road. Most of the peace loving Amish and Mennonites coming to America landed at Philadelphia because of their confidence in the Quaker government of Pennsylvania. Thus the first Amish in the area came through Somerset county, Pa. and took up land about five miles southwest of Meyersdale, Pa. and ten or twelve miles north of Grantsville, Md. Evidently one of the first to secure land along the Castleman was one Michael Buechley who owned two tracts of land in 1772 and bought a third in 1773. He later joined the Church of the Brethren and the family name, variously spelled, is widely found in that and other denominations today. Peter Livengood, who brought the first covered wagon across the Alleghenies, came in 1775. (See p. 29, Vol. I, No. 2 of Tableland Trails). The Seilers (Saylors) had preceded them. About this time the Yoders and Hochstetlers also arrived. By 1783 more than thirty Amish and Mennonite names appear in the tax lists of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, a number of them near the Maryland line several miles north of Grantsville, Maryland.

Probably they hesitated to leave the domain of the peaceful Quakers until the upheaval of the Revolution subsided. By the turn of the century they crossed the state line unto Md. and were acquiring lands in the vicinity of Grantsville. Having been a rural people in eastern Pennsylvania and for generations before in the Palatinate and Switzerland, they now took up land in this area and proceeded to turn it into productive farms. Their outstanding contribution to the economy of the community has been made in the field of agricultural production and conservation on their well-kept family farms.

A brief list of some of the earliest Amish settlers in the area with the year when their names first appear in the land records will show something of the influence they had on the community in the early days. Most of those listed below located across the state line in Pennsylvania but their descendants were soon living on the Maryland side of the line in the Grantsville community.

Yost Jother (Yoder), 1775; John Hershberger, 1775; Christian Gnagey, 1775; John Hochstetler, 1779; Christian and Jacob Mast (Maust), 1783; Peter Bitsche (Beachy-Peachey), 1785; Jacob Miller, 1795; Joseph Mast (Maust), 1795; Wilhelm Bender, 1840. With the exception of the Millers who have descended from various family heads, practically all the citizens of the Grantsville are who carry these family names are descended from these pioneers. The land bought by Yost Yoder in 1775, situated about five miles south-west of Meyersdale, Pa., has been in the Yoder name since 1775, passed six times from father to son in these one hundred and eighty-one years. It is occupied at present by Noah J. Yoder. Jacob Miller, listed above was an influential leader in the Amish church. In the tax assessment list of 1798 he is owner of part of "Mt. Nebo," a tract located in Garrett county about six miles south-east of Grantsville. This land is accupied at present by Beachy Brothers. In 1814 he sold this land to his son Benedict who followed in the foot steps of his father as an influential Amish bishop. Some time later the Swartzendrubers, Brennemens and Ottos settled several miles beyond. "Mt. Nebo," is in the "New Germany" community, so named because of these German apeaking Amish. The dam in the New Germany recreational area was originally built by the Amish minister and mill-wright, Jacob Swartzendruber, to furnish power for his mill. Some of the Brennemens moved across the mountain into the Bittinger vicinity, the Swartzendrubers moved to the state of Iowa, some moved to the Amish colony just north of Grantsville and the rest joined other churches.

John Hershberger, ancestor of a large Amish family, evidently lived in Garrett County for some time, just south of the state line and west of U.S. Rt. 219, on the farm now occupied by Harrison Yommer. The large spring on his farm became a landmark and is referred to in land records as the Hershberger Spring. In 1795 he moved north several miles to the farm now occupied by Simon D. Beachy near Salisbury, Pennsylvania.

By the middle 1800's most of the land just north of Grantsville along Maryland State Rt. 417 was occupied by the Amish and continues so today with the modern Yoder's Locker Plant and several prosperous farms stretching from Grantsville to the state line.

In the 1860s Joel B. Miller (son of Benedict, above) bought what was left of "Cornucopia," one of the oldest tracts in the county and originally patented by Daniel Grant. The purchase fronted on the National Road in Grantsville and included the brick hotel built by Solomon Sterner in 1842, famous inn of stage-coach days. Miller's son, Joel J. Miller and his bride moved into the inn until their new farm buildings were constructed a half mile north of town. During their residence here the writer's father, the late Jonas B. Miller, was born in 1879. Several years later they moved to the new farm home, now occupied by Alvin H. Yoder and the land on the National Road, including the Sterner Inn, was sold for town lots as "Miller's Addition" to Grantsville.

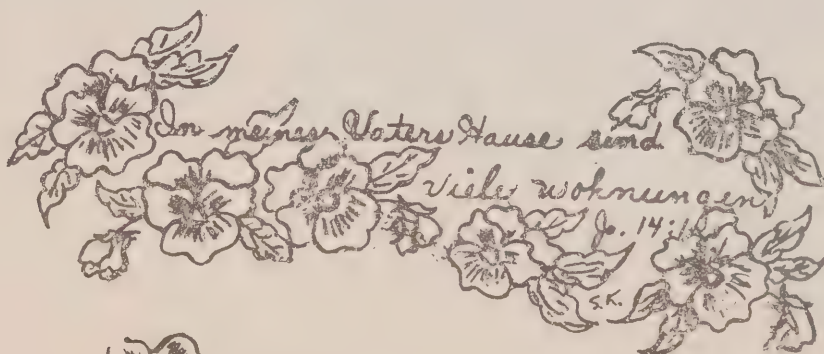
In the religious faith the Amish have carried with them the most compelling and deep-seated convictions. They are a branch of the Mennonite church which originated in Europe during the Reformation. The date generally accepted as the birth of the Mennonite church is 1525 when a small group of Swiss Anabaptist organized themselves as a church. Almost simultaneously with them, but unknown to either group, a similar movement developed in Germany. The denomination took its name some years later, from one of their leaders, Menno Simmon. Menno was a former Catholic priest, won to the Anabaptist faith when the awful persecution against them drew his attention and caused him to make a careful study of the New Testament. In 1695 an unfortunate schism divided the Mennonite church. Jacob Ammon was the leader of the stricter group and from him the Amish have taken their name.

Because of their strict adherence to the teachings of Christ and the apostles, the Amish and Mennonites have frequently been misunderstood. Sometimes their interpretation and application of scripture have brought them into conflict with contemporary society. This is especially true in regard to their steadfast belief that war is strictly forbidden the followers of Christ. They have done other work of national importance in lieu of military service. They gave freely of means and personnel to help victims of war and disaster in many lands. An almost world-wide relief program is carried on through Mennonite Central Committee.

In 1881 four meeting houses were built in the counties. One of the two in Garrett county is near Grantsville and the other near Bittinger. The Old Order Amish have their meeting houses in Somerset county, however some of their members live as far south as Grantsville. Their horse-drawn vehicles are a familiar sight in the Grantsville community. The Beachy Amish also worship in Somerset county while some of their members, too, live as far south as Grantsville. A third group have an Amish back-ground but have recently dropped Amish from their denominational name, calling themselves the Conservative Mennonite Church. Their central place of worship is Maple Glen one mile north of Grantsville. Cherry Glade provides a place of worship in the Bittinger area and they also have a meeting house further north in adjacent Somerset county.

For more than a century and a half we have lived in the Grantsville community worshipping God, serving His cause, rearing our families and in various ways making our small contribution to the community with the sunshine of peace and tranquility usually upon us. For this we praise a gracious God, acknowledge the beneficence of our government and thank our fellow-citizens of the Grantsville community.

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THE AMISHMAN WHO FOUNDED A CITY

by Maurice A. Mook

A thriving industrial city in the United States, in western Pennsylvania, was established by an eighteenth-century Amishman. One hundred and fifty years ago Joseph Johns (Schantz) had the vision of a city planner, and foresaw and encouraged the development of certain urban institutions, including a public school system. For a member of a nonconformist, rural, and socially separatist group, he showed judgment not far short of prophetic. The charter and plan he drew up for the town of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, is so significant that it deserves careful attention.

As one approaches the city, state highway signs announce "Johnstown, named for Joseph Johns, German Pioneer Settler." As one encircles the business district he does so on Johns Street, and in another part of the city one finds a Joseph Avenue. At the intersection of Levergood and Vine streets, in the central area, there is a plaque on the First Christian Church commemorating the site as the location of Joseph Johns' pioneer cabin, said to be the first house erected where Johnstown now stands. At another near-central location stands Joseph Johns Junior High School, appropriately built on ground which Johns gave to "future inhabitants. . . for the purpose of erecting Schoolhouses." Finally, as one approaches Central Park, named by Johns and long known as "Market Square," one sees a monument, surmounted by a bust of the founding father, with a bronze tablet which in German announces that the monument was erected by and given to the city by its citizens of German descent.

This statue, erected through the efforts of the Johnstown Branch of the German-American Alliance, is the work of J. Otto Schweizer, a German-American sculptor then a resident of Philadelphia. It has been averred that "the sculptor. . . has formed the bust with a true type of the facial appearance of the early Schantzes" (Anglicized to Johns). Such a claim is only tentatively admissible. Historical and genealogical research would probably be fruitless, for the Amish since their origin have had a Biblical testimony against pictures or any kind of living likeness. Photographs were unknown in rural areas in Joseph Johns' day, and no picture or any other kind of representation of the appearance of the early Schantzes is in existence.

The first photograph of an adult representative of the family was taken in 1904, at which time Joseph Johns III, who remained Amish to the day of his death, said, "Some of the children have theirs, but I don't need it." However, he was prevailed upon by his children and friends for a photograph and finally consented to have one. It is a fact of record that the sculptor modeled his bust of Joseph Johns I from this photograph of his grandson. But that Joseph Johns III resembled his grandfather in facial expression would be genetically a generous assumption.

It has been claimed that the bust by Schweizer shows Joseph Johns "in full early pioneer Amish costume." This is a statement which can be accepted only on faith until more is known concerning the costume of the earliest Amish migrants to the New World. The bust shows Johns with a shirt ruffled at the neck, hatless, with his long hair in rolled curls on either side of his head, and with another long curl of hair extending down his back between his shoulders. These were modes of the day, but so far as is now known they were sartorial niceties never permitted by the plain clothes Amish.

On the right side of the monument there is a bronze plaque which shows "Joseph Johns directing the work of laying out the lots and streets of Johnstown according to his plans." This plaque shows Johns wearing a snap-brim hat, shirt with ruffled cuffs and collar, knee breeches, and shoes embellished with buckles. These characteristics of dress were "outward cumbers and superfluities," to use an old Quaker phrase for the corresponding traits.

Dandiness of dress, so far as we now know, has always been denied members of the Amish to which Joseph Johns belonged. It must be admitted, however, that research has not yet established the exact period when rules requiring plain dress came to be marks of Amish nonconformity to the non-Amish world. Also in some respects, to be soon noted, Joseph Johns seems to have been an atypical member of his Amish group. He was on the whole "a faithful member of the Amish Mennonite Church" and "among his descendants are numerous active workers in the church, some in the ministry" according to a standard Mennonite encyclopedia dictionary. Both Joseph Johns II and Joseph Johns III were lifelong members of the Amish Church, and numerous defections from this faith among the direct descendants of the founder are not known until the fourth generation.

Not only do we not know Joseph Johns' manner of dress, but many other details of his life are uncertain and await future investigation. For example, the historical marker at Joseph Johns Junior High School gives 1749-1810 as his birth and death data. But it has been suspected by scholars since 1904 that 1813 is the more probable date of his death, and similar uncertainty surrounds the date of his birth. The inscription adds that Johns came from Switzerland to Philadelphia in October, 1769, that he settled at what is now Johnstown in 1793, and that in 1800 "he laid out Canemaugh Bottoms in town lots, later known as 'Conemaugh Old Town!'"

Of the foregoing dates, the only one that can be verified is that in 1800 Johns chartered the town and laid it out into lots, at least on paper. The practical work involved in surveying the lots probably occupied him for months after the writing and recording of

his charter and plan for the community. The charter, in which he is referred to as Joseph Johns, but which he signed as Joseph Schantz, is on record at the Somerset County Court-house in Deed Book II, pages 246-47. He signed this charter "the third day of November one thousand eight hundred," it was witnessed as his "act and deed" by a Somerset County justice on the same day, and it was officially recorded on November 4, 1800.

The charter refers to "one hundred and forty one Lots, Ten streets, six alleys and a Market Square, as by the plan thereof will more fully and at large appear." This "plan" or plot of the proposed town presumably accompanied the charter, but it has since disappeared and is no longer to be found among official county documents. Fortunately, however, it was several times reproduced before the disappearance of the original. It diagrams streets and alleys west of present Franklin Street (so named by Johns) in downtown Johnstown. The chart is so well done that its locations can be transferred easily and accurately to a map of the present city. The street grid of present downtown Johnstown conforms essentially and in detail to the plan of the original community. Some of Joseph Johns' alleys have become city streets, but the essential pattern is remarkably the same.

Certain provisions of the charter are here offered in the language of the original document. The preamble advises "all People to whom these presents shall come" that "Joseph Johns hath laid out the said town on (certain) principles and conditions." There are seven of these provisions, among them the following:

The first is that the town "shall be called and hereafter known as Conemaugh." Johns did not name the proposed community "Conemaugh Old Town," as averred by most historians. The latter eponym was an earlier designation, which referred to a former Indian village, allegedly located in the near vicinity. Settlers, however, persisted in calling the new community "Schantz's town," which was Anglicized to Johns' town, and in 1834 legalized as Johnstown.

The second provision specifies that the purchaser of each lot shall "upon the payment of the purchase money agreed upon" receive a "Deed regularly executed for the same." This businesslike provision has seemed hardheaded to some. The city's most scholarly historian has called Johns' venture "purely a speculation" and a former mayor of the city wrote that "while (Johns) did not seem to be sure of his correct name, he knew a good dollar when he saw it." Unbiased scholarship demands that both of these aspersions should be denied and refuted.

Public documents vary in the spelling of his name, but Johns himself consistently wrote it the same way. His signature appended to the charter and to all his deeds for town lots that I have seen is unmistakably clear and consistently correct according to the canons of German orthography. The spelling of the surname is uniformly Schantz, which some, however, who are ignorant of German script, have mistaken for Jantz, or Yantz.

Joseph Johns declared the "market square, streets and allies" to be "public Highways" and guaranteed to the future inhabitants of the place "free and undisturbed use of them henceforth forever." The "market square" was for many years used as such, but in recent years has been a central city public park. As earlier noted, it is at present the appropriate location of the monument erected in memory and in honor of the community's founder and earliest benefactor. The use of the streets is not now entirely "undisturbed" by congested city traffic, a phenomenon entirely unforeseen, of course, by anyone in Johns' day of horseback transportation. What is really surprising is that he allocated as much space for streets as he did in this pioneer plan for a frontier community.

He also bequeathed "two certain lots of ground situate at Market street and Chestnut street (now Market and Napoleon streets). . . for the purpose of erecting Schoolhouses and houses of public worship free and clear of all incumbrances whatsoever." A superintendent of Johnstown's public schools fifty years ago observed that the first step in providing for schools is to provide land on which to build them, and that, in this sense, Johns was the founder of the city's public system.

A small school was built on this site in 1811, two years before Johns' death. This lot at one time contained three schoolhouses, was long known as "Schoolhouse Square," and, since 1811, excepting for nine years following the Johnstown Flood, has been continuously occupied by school buildings. It is now the site of Joseph Johns Junior High School, named, of course, for the founding father. In the light of Johns' Amish background his provision for "erecting Schoolhouses and houses of public worship" is all the more remarkable. His church in his day, and usually since, has held its worship services in private homes. The Amish objection to public education beyond the elementary grades is a well-known, but little understood, attitude of the group. Yet this Amishman seems to have foreseen public schools more than thirty years before the state system of public education was started in 1834.

The fifth provision of Johns' charter gave "to the inhabitants. . . free and clear of all incumbrances whatsoever, a convenient spot of ground, . . . not less than one acre for a Burying ground for the inhabitants of the said town and neighborhood." This grant was located between Chestnut Street on Johns' chart (later Carr and now Napoleon Street) and a bend in Stonycreek River.

This space was used as a burial ground for many years and is so designated on early maps of the city. Since 1950, however, this ground has been occupied by the Cambria County War Memorial, an arena-type building used for sports events and as a convention hall. It seems anachronistic to realize that this building, erected as a memorial to lives lost in war, and devoted to sports, conventions, and public assemblies, occupies a site given to the

community by a man who as an Amishman was conscientiously committed to peace and opposed to war, and who was, moreover, a member of a sect which has always opposed most forms of public and all forms of commercialized amusements.

In November, 1954, signs on this building advertised hockey games and bingo, and placards in front of it advised young men to "Join the Marine Corps Reserve" and to "Ask About the U. S. Air Force." Were Joseph Johns living today and still a member of the Amish sect, he would certainly most emphatically disapprove of the use to which his gift of ground is now being put.

The sixth provision of his charter reserved four lots at the intersection of Main and Market streets (so designated on his chart, and still so named) for "a County Court house and other public buildings" and promised that "as soon as the . . . Town becomes a seat of Justice to convey the same to the County for that purpose, free and clear of all incumbrances whatsoever." In 1800 there was talk and hope of creating a new county which would include the town of Conemaugh. Cambria County was created in 1804 and Conemaugh was included in its southermost limits. But the county seat, doubtless to Johns' disappointment, was established at Ebensburg, a somewhat more central location in the new county.

The downtown business section of Johnstown was and is located, as everyone who has read of the Flood of 1889 knows, at the confluence of and in the triangle of land formed by converging Stonycreek and the "Little" Conemaugh River. Johns' land was, as his charter describes, "situate in the forks of and at the confluence of" these streams.

The seventh and last provision of his charter declares that "all that piece of ground called the 'point' laying between the said Town and the junction of the two rivers or creeks aforesaid shall be reserved for commons and public amusements for the use of the said Town and its future inhabitants forever." This section of land ever since Johns' day known as "the Point," was an unoccupied and unbuilt upon piece of public property until the last few years, when the present (Point Stadium," with a seating capacity of 17,000 persons, was built upon it by the city.

Johns sold his remaining Conemaugh property in 1807 and moved to a farm he had purchased nine miles south of his Conemaugh tract, near the present town of Davidsville in Northern Somerset County. Other Amish were then in residence in this area; in fact Davidsville is named for David Stutzman, an Amishman whose farm included the site of the present village. Johns died on his farm in 1813, and is buried in a family cemetery located on a ridge just back of the original (and also the location of the present) farm buildings. His tombstone reads. "Joseph Johns, Died Jan. 18, 1810. Aged 60 y. 2 m. 10 d." The date on this stone, which was erected years later by his grandson, is, as we have seen, incorrect as proved by subsequent research in legal records. His wife survived him by some twenty years and is buried at his side. Her stone reads, "Fannie, Wife of Joseph Johns, Died Dec. 15, 1833. Aged 76 y. 8 m. 18 d." Here also are buried Joseph Johns II and III; and here also will probably be buried the present occupants of the family farm and homestead, including Joseph W. Johns, a grandson of Joseph Johns III, and the present descendant's son, Joseph M. Johns. These men are the last direct male descendants still residing in the Johnstown area who carry the family name.

Our certain knowledge of Johns, minimal though it be, reveals a pioneer of over a century and a half ago, a humble farmer by occupation, and a member of a church committed to severe separation from the secular world. Yet he planned for and laid out a town, and gave land for streets, buildings, and institutions which he hoped would be used for the service and welfare of members of the local community. He showed by his generosity an alert concern for and an understanding of the necessity of satisfying man's basic social needs.

A first-generation German-speaking immigrant, whose cradle rocked in Switzerland, but whose grave rests in the earth of a western Pennsylvania family farm, is revealed by his benefactions as a man of uncommon intelligence and foresight, and--if we take into consideration the time in which he lived and the sect to which he belonged--he presents himself to us as a person of creative imagination and prophetic vision. He is probably the only Amishman to have his name recorded among the urban place names of the United States. This strikes one as modest remuneration for his pioneer contributions to a new community way of life in the western wilderness of colonial Pennsylvania. It seems not unreasonable to enroll him among those individuals--certainly among those of Amish connection--who "built better than they knew."



Er soll euch einen andern Tröster geben

Jo. 14:16



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STORMS AND TIDAL WAVES

"Stormy wind fulfilling His word." Psalms 148:8. "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring." Luke 21:25.

Along with the other calamities which are coming upon the earth as the "day of the Lord" is near, we may naturally expect according to the prophecy, to hear of disastrous storms by land and sea. We have only to look at the long list of terrible tornadoes and the awful tidal waves, as reported in the public press from time to time, to see that we are already in a period of disaster from these causes, such as the history of the world has never before known.

CYCLONES.

T. De Witt Talmage, in a sermon on the "Wonders of the Day," delivered in 1883, said: "But look at the cyclones--the disastrous cyclones. At the mouth of the Ganges are three islands,--the Hattia, the Sundeep, and the Decan Shahbaspoor. In the midnight of October, 1876, the cry on all those three islands was, 'The waters! the waters!' A cyclone arose and rolled the sea over those three islands, and of a population of 340,000, 215,000 were drowned, only those being saved who had climbed to the tops of the highest trees. Did you ever see a cyclone? No? I pray God you may never see one.

"But a few weeks ago I was in Minnesota, where there was one of those cyclones on land, that swept the city of Rochester from its foundations, and took dwelling-houses, barns, men, woman, children, horses, and cattle, and tossed them into indiscriminate ruin. It lifted a railtrain, and dashed it down, a mightier hand than that of the engineer on the air-brake. Cyclone in Kansas within a few months, cyclone in Missouri, cyclone in Wisconsin, cyclone in Illinois, cyclone in Iowa. Satan, prince of the power of the air, never made such cyclonic disturbances as he has in our day. And am I not right in saying that one of the characteristics of the time in which we live is disasters cyclonic?"

Satan is "the prince of the power of the air." Ephesians 2:2. He delights to bring calamity upon the earth. His efforts in this direction will be much greater, and the destruction more awful, as we near the end. John says of this: "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Revelation 12:12.

So long as God has a work to do on the earth, and a people to gather from among its nations, the wrath of Satan will be restrained. But Paul says that the people living in the last days "shall wax worse and worse." As man rejects God, His Spirit and restraining power are withdrawn from the earth, and Satan will have more power to work his own wicked will.

This principle is brought out in the history of Job. So long as God protected Job, the devil found that he had "made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side." Job 1:10. But when the Lord removed His protection, and allowed Satan to work his will upon Job, he marshaled his servants to destroy Job and all that he had. And these servants of Satan, which were at his call, were not only the wicked bands of the Sabeans and the Chaldeans, but also the fire from heaven, and the wind from the wilderness.

We little realize what we owe to God for the protection he has given us all our lives. When this protection is finally and fully removed, as it soon will be, then Satan will bring upon this earth the direst calamities. Already he has begun his work, and the world stands appalled at the awful havoc wrought.

TIDAL WAVES.

The tidal waves which have swept over parts of the earth seem, if possible, more terrible than the cyclone. These are becoming quite frequent.

One of them in the South Pacific is thus described by a British vice-consul:-- "What a sight! I saw all the vessels in the bay carried out irresistably to sea; anchors and chains were as packthread. In a few minutes the great outward current stopped, stemmed by a mighty rising wave, I should judge about fifty feet high, which came with an awful rush, carrying everything before it in its terrible majesty, bringing the shipping with it, sometimes turning in circles, as if striving to elude their fate."

Speaking of these disturbances, and the extent of their influence, the New York Tribune, of November 12, 1868, says:--

"The tidal disturbances are the most remarkable and extensive of which there is any record. It is said their velocity was about a thousand miles an hour. The great ocean waters of both the Atlantic and the Pacific have been agitated in their whole extent. We mention in particular the tidal waves at St. Thomas, and all the neighboring islands, which were fully fifty feet in height. It is said by those who have witnessed these waves that the ocean's roar is exceedingly frightful."

God's word points out another great storm which will break in its fury upon the earth: "And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent [about 100 pounds]: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail."

This is the last of the "seven last plagues" that are to be visited upon the dwellers of earth. "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, when they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Matthew 24:30.

CYCLONE AT ST. LOUIS, MO., MAY 27, 1896.

Among the most disastrous storms of a cyclonic nature which ever visited the United States was the one which swept over the city of St. Louis, Mo., May 27, 1896. Previous to this time, St. Louis had singularly been spared, although cyclones and tornadoes had devastated neighboring towns and cities. Some great storms cause comparatively little loss of life and property, because they visit a thinly inhabited district, but when a cyclone strikes a large city, the effects are most disastrous, both in loss of life and destruction of property. These two conditions were fully met in the cyclone which swept over St. Louis.

The storm approached in two successive waves, as though they were parts of a mighty army under control of one commander, the second wave exceeding in intensity of force and in destructive power the one preceeding it. As an army is marshaled by a determined general, and charge after charge is made until the field is carried, so the storm clouds of wind filled with electrical energy were twice hurled upon the fair city, leaving it at last with more than two hundred human lives crushed out, and fifty million dollars' worth of property destroyed.

First came a hurricane, accompanied by a mighty downpour of rain lasting twenty minutes, flooding the streets and cellars. There was an interval of a few minutes of rest, as though the attacking army was being reinforced, and then followed a terrific tornado, lasting but a few minutes, but during that short time the city was so changed that it was hardly recognizable. The trees in the parks were swept away like grass before the mower's scythe, one park having only six trees left. The strongly built and palatial residences of the wealthy were torn in pieces the same as the tenements of the poorer people. School houses, hospitals, churches, railway stations, manufacturing establishments,--everything alike was torn, wrecked, unroofed, or demolished, and all drenched with blinding streams of water which came down as though the very windows of heaven were opened. If anything was passed by comparatively unharmed, it seemed to be more like a freak of some malevolent spirit than a lack of power to destroy.

The scene in its awful grandeur, and in the universal terror which it inspired, was such as falls to the lot of few persons in this world to see. The air was full of flying debris of all kinds. Objects weighing tons were hurled through the air apparently as easily as those weighing but a few pounds. The streets were blocked to travel, and a network of tangled wires from the fallen telegraph and telephone poles was spread over all.

Fire broke out in many places, and as the firemen were powerless to help, nothing but the rain which fell in torrents saved the city from entire destruction. The boats and river craft of all kinds, exposed to the fury of the blast, were dismantled, and sunk, carrying their crews down into a watery grave. The terrible force of the wind may be seen in the fact that the eastern approach to the great Eads Bridge, a structure of stone and steel intended to last for all time, was wrecked by the storm, the steel railings being blown entirely away.

No tongue can tell, no pen record, the terrors of those few minutes and the night of horror that followed. The dead were everywhere. The wounded, many of them covered by fallen buildings or held down by timbers and other debris, cried piteously for help. Distracted people sought for their friends. The mourning for the dead and the joy of reunited families were often strangely mingled.

When the next morning dawned, the city presented such a picture of devastation exceeding anything possibly ever recorded concerning any other one from a like cause. In East St. Louis one hundred persons were killed. In this case, as in many others, we see the "stormy wind fulfilling His word." and we may hope and trust that, when the judgments of God are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. See Isaiah 26:9.

CYCLONE AT BRADSHAW, NEB., JUNE 13, 1890.

As an illustration of the cyclones which so frequently visit some sections of the United States, one which occurred June 13, 1890, by which the village of Bradshaw, Neb., was destroyed may be noted. It was at evening of a day of intense heat, and not a breath of wind was stirring. With scarcely a moment's warning there came a blast of cold air, followed by a deluge of hail, and then the cyclone. It struck the earth three miles south-west of the village, traveled north-east, and lifted three miles beyond the village. The town was a complete wreck, only three buildings remained standing in the village of four hundred and fifty inhabitants. The track of this cyclone was about one-fourth of a mile wide. Almost all the live stock and poultry in its track were killed, and it seemed a remarkable interposition of divine Providence that in the midst of this terrible destruction only one person was killed outright and but three fatally injured.

TIDAL WAVE IN JAPAN, JUNE 15, 1896.

The island empire of Japan is often subjected to earthquakes, which are generally accompanied with tidal waves, and as there is a large amount of coast line, with many small and low-lying islands, all densely populated, the loss of life from these causes is often very great. The whole group of the Japanese islands is of seismic origin, and the mighty

internal force which gave the islands existence still operates in a way to bring great calamities upon the people. In 1882 the sea washed away whole towns, and thousands of persons were destroyed. But the crowning disaster to Japan in modern times was experienced June 15, 1896. The seismic wave struck the coast in its greatest force at the town of Kamaishi, about three hundred miles north of Tokyo. Thirty miles of coast line were swept by the mighty wave, and for this distance all signs of human habitation were destroyed as far inland as the wave extended.

The buildings of the Japanese are generally frail, and hence offer little resistance to the impetuous wave. Thirty thousand persons perished at this time. The retiring wave carried some of the dead out to sea, but the larger part remained, covered or uncovered, leaving for the authorities the necessary but gruesome task of gathering up the bodies to bury them. An eye witness of the scene describes it as "hopelessly and unutterably horrible." Coolies were hunting through the debris for the dead bodies, stimulated to greater exertions by the hope of reward. Recovered bodies of the dead were arranged in long rows for identification. Great flocks of crows, drawn thither by the stench, hovered near and feasted with little interruption upon the bodies of the dead.

Such scenes are not at all uncommon in Japan, and it would seem that the sea is hurled against the land with increasing frequency, wreaking desolation on the utterly helpless people. Poverty compels the survivors to rebuild in the same places.

HURRICANE AND TIDAL WAVE AT GALVESTON, TEXAS.

Galveston is the chief Gulf city of the Southwest. It is situated on an island twenty-seven miles long, and from one and one-fourth to seven miles in width, and only six feet above sea level. Its population at the time of the awful visitation was 37,798.

There had been provided on the Gulf side two stone breakwaters, but the time came when these proved entirely inadequate to protect the city from the fury of the sea.

Toward evening of the 8th of September, 1900, a tide of five feet brought the waters of the Gulf within one foot of the surface of the island. This was followed by a hurricane in which it is estimated that the wind attained a velocity of 120 miles an hour, the wind gauge breaking as it recorded a velocity of 100 miles, before the storm had reached its height. As a result a tidal wave swept the island to a depth of from six to eight feet. The fury of the waves, accompanied by the great velocity of the wind, made it impossible for any ordinary structure to stand before it. House after house fell with a crash into the boiling flood.

On the south side of the island were located the mansions of the wealthy, one alone having cost over a million dollars. "All of these were swept so clean from their foundations that nothing but bare, white sand was left." No record was ever available as to the fate of the dwellers.

Most of the residences of Galveston were wooden structures, and were mere playthings in the track of the storm, while buildings composed of brick and stone crumbled to pieces in the angry waters.

Thus in the course of a few hours the once rich and beautiful city was reduced to a heap of ruins. Scarcely a house in the entire place escaped injury or destruction.

No record will ever be made of the dead of Galveston. The most reliable estimates place the number at between eight and ten thousand. For weeks after the storm the dead were found scattered over a wide area. Those who were carried out to sea were thrown up again by the waves to be buried by the living. Two and one-half months after the storm a corps of United States surveyors found one hundred dead bodies in a swamp on the island west of the city.

The loss of property can never be known. An estimate of \$50,000,000 is considered conservative.

A new city had sprung up in the place of the old, and everything that mechanical engineering can do in the way of providing an adequate sea wall and raising the level of the city, has been done. The protection is now considered ample, but even the strongest wall must fail "when the Lord arises to shake terribly the earth."

TYPHOON AT HONGKONG.

Up to about forty years ago there were certain winds in the tropics which blew so steadily, and with such certainty, six months of a year from one direction, and, after six months from the opposite direction, that owners and captains of vessels relied upon them to carry their ships quickly through the "doldrums," or becalmed regions near the equator, and figured upon coming under their influence on reaching certain degrees of latitude and longitude, and being carried by them rapidly north or south a certain number of degrees, within given lengths of time. Basing their calculations on the time it would take to traverse the ocean, they would fix their freight charges accordingly. Hence these favorable winds were called "trade winds."

But some forty years ago these winds became fickle and uncertain. Instead of being met within a certain degrees of latitude, after they would be found for to the north or south, and generally light and unreliable. Frequently a captain would fail to meet with them altogether, and his voyage would be so prolonged as to become unprofitable.

About the time these winds began to fail and become uncertain, the great "typhoons" met with at certain seasons of the year in the China Sea, also showed symptoms of failing. Formerly it used to be rare for a captain to sail this sea and escape contact with these destructive winds which sweep over the water often with resistless force.

But it must not be supposed that typhoons belong entirely to the past. "To the year's [1906's] list of staggering calamities," remarks the Literary Digest, "due to sudden and unforeseen manifestations of natural forces--a list already somber enough with its records of earthquake at San Francisco and at Valparaiso--must be added the death-dealing typhoon which swept down upon Hongkong with mysterious suddenness on September 18. A despatch from that city states that the storm 'was of a local nature,' and that it came without warning, the observatory having predicted only moderate winds.

"Although it lasted only two hours it sank a fishing fleet of 600 junks, destroyed nearly all the native shipping in the harbor, and wrought havoc among the docks and buildings of the water-front. Estimates place the loss of life among the Chinese alone at 10,000, and it is said that \$20,000,000 would not cover the value of the property destroyed.

"The foreign shipping which frequents the harbor seems to have suffered less; nevertheless, many steamers, among them a British gun-boat and a French torpedo-boat destroyer, were sunk or driven ashore. The loss is also reported of the American gun-boat Helena, with eight officers and a crew of 175 men."

It is stated that during a typhoon the wind sometimes reaches a velocity of from 200 to 300 miles an hour.

While typhoons are less frequent in the China Sea than formerly it must not be supposed that that quarter of the earth had become more pacific. With the falling off in frequency of typhoons upon the sea tornadoes began to appear upon the land.

HURRICANE AND TIDAL WAVE AT PENSACOLA.

Toward the evening of Wednesday, September 26, 1906, the city of Pensacola, Florida, was visited by the worst storm it had experienced in 175 years.

The waters of the sea rose eight and one-half feet above normal. The wind attained a velocity of 90 miles an hour. The tides from the bay backed up into the city, destroying homes and turning the streets into seething rivers. When the storm commenced there were between fifty and sixty large steamers and sailing vessels lying in the harbor. When the hurricane subsided there were only five or six. The remainder had been beached, driven ashore, and piled up in a mass of wreckage.

Among the wrecks were several gunboats and other government vessels, nothing being able to withstand the force of the elements.

Great iron steamships of 3,000 tons burden were driven ashore, one crashed through houses a block from the wharf, while every house for miles along the water front was destroyed.

While the storm was at its height, fire broke out in close proximity to the business district. So terrible was the storm that the fire department horses refused to leave their stalls and face the weather, and the firemen were obliged to pull the hose carts by hand.

Every business house from the wharf on Chalifoux Street to the Union Depot was unroofed, every window broken.

Two entire freight trains, with their ponderous engines, were washed from the track and buried deep in the sand.

The following telegram received at the Navy Department from the Commandant of the Pensacola Navy Yard, immediately after the storm, tells of disaster thus briefly:--

"Waban sunk at wharf. Coal Barge No. 1, Accomac and Vixen high on beach at west end of yard. Gloucester on beach outside of yard west. Wooden dry dock destroyed. New coal pen almost gone. Permanent wharf destroyed. Piles standing on the old coal wharf, and the steel dry dock wharf and ammunition wharf damaged. Also Undine sunk. Barge ashore. Target range broken up. House destroyed. Heavy wreckage in yard. Trees uprooted. Wireless top gallant masts gone. All electrical wires wrecked. Power plant damaged and not working. Buildings generally damaged by wind."

Nor was the destruction confined to a limited area. Enormous damage to life and property was done at several of the army forts and naval stations at various points along the Southeastern Atlantic Coast.

Major-General James F. Wade, commanding the Atlantic division, reported to the War Department that six civilians were killed at Fort Morgan, Ala., and one enlisted man was missing. The damage to the post was estimated at \$100,000. Chief Quartermaster Hodgeson, at Atlanta, reported to Quartermaster General Humphreys the same facts, adding that the fort was completely inundated.

Captain Lawrence S. Miller, commandant of Fort Barrancas, Fla., reported that three enlisted men were missing from that post; that Fort McRae was almost totally destroyed, and that Fort Pickens suffered severely.

The Santa Rosa Life-Saving Station, near Pensacola, was destroyed, and the crew left without food or clothing.

Six persons drowned, eight good-sized sailing vessels wrecked, about thirty smaller vessels sunk or ashore, and property damage of more than a million dollars was the result of the hurricane in the Mississippi Sound.

At Horn Island, Light Keeper Johnson, his wife and daughter were swept into the Gulf with their lighthouse and drowned. Before the storm reached its height Johnson refused to go ashore.

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Still another early settler has been given credit for this feat of plowmanship. C. W. Coopridge of Windom, Kansas, believed that Chris Kilmer, of Oregon, was the man that deserved the honor. Although Mr. Kilmer was ninety-three years old and nearly deaf at the time of the interview, his memory of boyhood events was clear and he was able to give exact answers to the questions asked him in an interview by his son-in-law, John H. Hamilton, of Sheridan, Oregon.

Mr. Kilmer, however insisted that he did not plow the furrow. It was R. J. Heatwole, assisted by several others, who should have the praise. He was working for Mr. Heatwole at that time and although he did not help, he remembers the event clearly. It took place, very likely, in 1873 or 1874. The furrow started approximately six miles west of Marion Center and went due west to a point one mile north and one mile east of the present Spring Valley Mennonite Church, south of Canton. It was later extended farther west. Thus it connected the area in which Bishop Brundage lived with the small community in which R. J. Heatwole lived.

The furrow was very straight, as it followed the section line, running east and west along the south edge of the present town of Hillsboro on what is now Highway 50N. This was made possible by the use of a compass. A number of men went ahead with a compass and located the cornerstones along the section line. They then drove stakes which the plowman could use as guides. Mr. Kilmer thinks the plow was pulled by horses.

From all this contradictory material, certain points seem fairly well established as facts. Although we do not know how many furrows of this kind were plowed in Marion and McPherson counties, it does seem clear that R. J. Heatwole helped plow a furrow extending from his community straight west into McPherson County to a point near the area in which Bishop Brundage lived. This event took place soon after Heatwole, Grundage, and their friends settled in this section of Kansas.

Reuben J. Heatwole, born in Rockingham County, Virginia, in 1847, arrived in Marion Center, Kansas in June, 1872, expecting to find other Mennonites there, but he was disappointed. In four weeks, however, the Noah Good family arrived from Clarinda, Iowa, and settled three miles southwest of Marion Center. Soon after that, Benjamin Bare from Indiana settled in the community and married a daughter of Noah Good. Heatwole's homestead was about six miles straight west of Marion Center.

At about the same time, in 1873, the Henry Hornberger family settled three miles north and one mile west of Peabody. In 1886 the Catlin Mennonite Church was erected on Hornberger's farm. The congregation in this area was never very large. In 1893 there were forty members; in 1947 there were fifteen.

During the seventies, the (Old) Mennonites held monthly Sunday services in four localities in Marion and McPherson counties. One of the places was the Weaver schoolhouse, a mile north of the Hornberger farm. Once a month services were held in the Good schoolhouse, near the Good homestead southwest of Marion Center. A third monthly service was held west of Marion Center in the vicinity of Canada, where the Brunks, Coopriders, and Heatwoles lived. The fourth place was west of Canada, near Canton, in the area to which Brundage had moved in 1873. This area became the center of a thriving Mennonite congregation, the Spring Valley Mennonite Church. Their meetinghouse was built on the Brundage homestead. In 1947 the church had 78 members.

These scattered Mennonite families living in four separate areas during the seventies but near enough to each other for occasional visits and group worship must have felt the need for social and spiritual fellowship. It was with this need in mind that Heatwole and Brundage plowed the path "so we might find our course along this furrow back and forth to worship together without losing the way."--From the July, 1949, Mennonite Life.

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HURRICANE AND TIDAL WAVE AT MOBILE.

On September 28, 1906, a terrific hurricane swept up the Gulf Coast and centered upon Mobile Bay, driving the waters of the bay in a wall against the city. For hours the business district was covered by seven feet of water, the streets were awash with goods swept from the warehouses, and hundreds of bales of cotton were swept away by the waves.

All the wharves along the city front were total wrecks. Eight steamers and river boats were sunk without a trace.

Sixty lives were lost, and many people were injured by falling slate from roofs and from pieces of wreckage that were hurled through the air by the terrific force of the hurricane.

Five thousand buildings were wrecked or damaged. Numerous sawmills were either washed away or torn to splinters by the force of wave and wind. The loss of property was estimated at over three million dollars.

For twenty-five miles north of Mobile the country was completely inundated. The fruit trees, the cotton and sugan cane, and other crops all over Southern Alabama and Mississippi were ruined.

With each passing year typhoons, tornadoes, and hurricanes seem to become more and more terrific and destructive, the "prince of the power of the air" being permitted to marshall, more and more forcibly, these elements as weapons of destruction, as "the great day of God" approaches, and the Spirit of the Lord is more fully withdrawn from the earth. This leaves Satan almost unchecked to carry out his plans and desires for the destruction of life and property.

From MENNONITE HISTORICAL BULLETIN, October, 1949

THE TWENTY-THREE MILE FURROW

Melvin Gingerich

In 1946 Random House published The Sante Fe Trail, A Chapter in the Opening of the West. In it was the following statement:

"Amish settlers had come from Pennsylvania about 1871 and developed two communities in Marion County, Kansas. The settlements were about 23 miles apart, and in order to maintain communications between them the Amish ploughed a furrow all the way from one to the other to serve as a guide over open prairie."

These statements interested the writer and for nearly a year he has been trying to find answers to several questions raised by the quotation. Obviously it was not the Amish who plowed the furrow, for their settlements in Kansas were not that early. Who did plow the furrow? What settlements did it connect? What was the direction of the furrow? Was it really twenty-three miles long? In what year was the furrow plowed? What method of plowing was used?

It was soon learned that others had written on this subject. A manuscript on the history of the Pennsylvania Mennonite congregation, near Zimmerdale, Kansas, declared,

"R. J. Heatwole plowed with oxen, through the tall blue-stem grass, a twenty-three mile furrow from the present site of Marion, Kansas, to a mile north of the Spring Valley church. This road, covered with sunflowers . . ., guided not only the Mennonites to their places of worship but all early settlers used it and numerous caravans traveled to and from western harvest fields over it."

Perhaps the Kansas State Historical Society could shed light on our problem. A letter from their secretary, Kirke Mechem, reported a feature story in the Kansas City Times, November 24, 1939, by Cecil Howes. In the story, Mr. Howes reported,

"Since the lands were not all contiguous, the Mennonites, according to Albrecht, plowed a furrow twenty-three miles long from Peabody to the main settlements so that they would have a track to follow across the prairie in hauling supplies to their homes."

Here Mr. Howes is referring to a master's thesis by Abraham Albrecht of Newton, Kansas. In the thesis, Mr. Albrecht talks about Amish Mennonites arriving in Reno County in the eighteen seventies. His authority was D. H. Bender, at that time President of Hesston College. Albrecht wrote,

"They did not migrate to Kansas in large numbers, the majority preferring to remain in their old home. Since the country was still barren and the settlers were poor they had to endure the hardships of pioneer life. There were no established roads as yet and in order to find their way from one settlement to the other they made a furrow with a plow to indicate the direction."

Apparently Mr. Howes had additional sources of information, for Albrecht's paragraph could scarcely be enlarged to the above Times statement.

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If R. J. Heatwole plowed the furrow, perhaps articles written by him would refer to this event. A letter from him, written June 20, 1893, and printed in the Herald of Truth, July 15, 1893, declared,

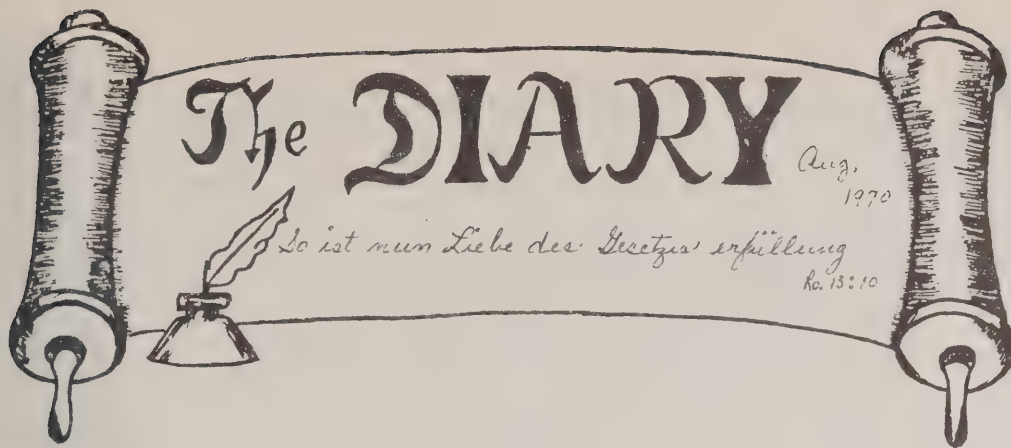
"After Bro. Yother returned home Bishop Daniel Brundage came from Missouri and took a homestead ten miles north of father Kilmer and moved upon it with his family in May 1873.

"There being but few inhabitants in the county he found it necessary--since there were no roads--to draw a furrow fourteen miles long due east to our settlement in Marion County, so we might find our course along this furrow back and forth to worship together without losing the way along which there was nothing to break the monotony of the journey save the flocks of prairie chickens, and the small herds of antelopes cantering from us in the distance."

This, it would seem, should be reliable source material. There must have been a fourteen-mile furrow running straight east to the Marion County settlement and Bishop Daniel Brundage must have helped plow it. Could it be that these men plowed a number of furrows at different times in these pioneer days? Or could it be that Brundage and Heatwole together plowed the furrow, with Heatwole giving Brundage the credit?

The Reader's Digest, February, 1941, in "Chronicles of Americanization (IV)" tells the story of the Russian Mennonites settling in Kansas. It states, "Their only guide was a single furrow 22 miles long which the father had plowed." The "father" in the quotation is Herman W. Suderman. The furrow begins at Newton and it is 22 miles long. Again the records are conflicting and confusing.

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FATHER OF TEN KILLED IN OHIO TURNPIKE MISHAP

Daniel S. Smucker, 42, Narvon R1, Pa. (Conestoga District, Lancaster County, Pa.) was the victim of a freak accident when he was killed early Saturday Morning, August 15, while aboard a truck loaded with horses which he had bought at the Shipshewana, Indiana sale on Friday. He was lodged for the night in the sleeping compartment of the truck with his son David, 13, at his side. David escaped with minor injuries. The driver, Francis Dibella, 22, of Yeadon, Pa. said he was driving at a set turnpike speed and unexpectedly approached a truck loaded with steel moving at a slower speed. A faulty device on his rig used to reduce speed was blamed for the accident. While trying to avoid hitting the steel truck, his load racked until on slight impact with the rear corner of the other truck, his truck upset on the left side. Smucker is believed to have been crushed to death under the load of horses. He may never have been aware of the accident.

He will be remembered in church as an active lay member and a hymn leader. He taught vocational school classes from 1958 to 1966. (See obituary)

WAYNE CO. LAD DROWNED IN STARK CO. OHIO

Merle Beachy, 18, of Fredericksburg R1, Ohio met death Sunday, August 2. The youth with two friends were swimming at Baylor Beach, located between Wilmot and Brewster on US 62, when he went down the sliding board and disappeared at 5:30 p.m. He was unable to swim and drowned in 12 feet of water. His body was recovered by Jack Baylor of Navarre, life-guard at the beach. He was then taken by Beach City Fire Department to Massillon City where he was pronounced dead on arrival. Beachy's swimming companions were: Emery Weaver of Apple Creek R1 and Joseph Yoder of Holmesville R1.

He was born in Millersburg on Sept. 22, 1951, to Emanuel H. and Edna (Yoder) Beachy. and was employed at Sportsman's Dream factory at Wilmot. He is survived by his parents; two brothers, Ervin and Henry; three sisters, Mary, Clara and Verna, all of the home; grandmother, Mrs. Henry M. Beachy of Millersburg Star Route; and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Enos J. Yoder of Fredericksburg R1. Funeral services were held in the family residence by Bishop Jacob R. Troyer. Burial was in the Simon Yoder Cemetery in Salt Creek Twp., Wayne Co.

LEUKEMIA VICTIM DIED IN INDIANA

Delbert A. Miller, 17, of Bourbon R4, Indiana died Wednesday, July 15, at his home. He had been ill for three months with leukemia. He was born in LaGrange County May 11, 1953, the son of Amos J. M. and Anna (Helmuth) Miller. Surviving with the parents are four brothers, Glen, Jacob and Amos Jr., all of Nappanee and Harley of Etna Green; four sisters, Katie Anna and Mary Edna, both at home, Mrs. Noah Borkholder of Nappanee and Mrs. Herman Miller of Etna Green, and his grandmother, Mrs. Jacob Schlabach of Topeka. Funeral services were held by Bishop Eli J. Yoder and Eli Chupp. Burial was in Graber Cemetery.

INDIANA FIRE AND BARN RAISING

On the evening of July 30th, the barn of the David A. and Emma (Schlabach) Kauffman farm was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. The family has been living in Horsefly, B. C. during the summer months. This farm is in the N. W. Clinton District.

In Adams County, Indiana on July 20, was the barn raising for Bishop John C. Schwartz's whose barn was struck by lightening and burned to the ground on June 24. Around 400 people were there.

Let us remember our bereaved ones in prayer.



Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen.
Matth 10:14



BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Allgyer, Elam (Rachel Blank) New Providence R1, a son LEROY, July 23
 Beiler, Daniel E. (Rachel K. Esh) 78 S. Maple Street, Leola, a son AARON, August 1
 Beiler, Daniel R. (Annie Beiler) Kirkwood R1, a son DAVID, August 31
 Beiler, Elam K. (Mary Dienner) Coatesville R2, a son ELAM K. JR., August 15
 Beiler, Elmer K. (Anna Mary Glick) 860 Hartman Station Rd., Lancaster, a son ELMER K. JR., JULY 23
 Beiler, Isaac L. (Malinda K. King) Quarryville R3, a daughter KATIE K., August 5
 Beiler, John K. (Elizabeth Beiler) Ronks R1, a son DANIEL S., August 27
 Ebersol, Eli S. Jr. (Sarah K. King) Gordonville R1, a son SAMUEL S., August 26
 Esh, Amos (Malinda King) Gordonville R1, a daughter, August 28
 Esh, Amos L. (Annie Stoltzfus) Lititz R2, a son SAMUEL S., August 12
 Fisher, Benueel S. (Fannie Blank) 623 Willow Rd. Lancaster, a daughter MARY, August 15
 Fisher, Jonathan S. (Mattie S. Lapp) Kirkwood R1, a son AARON L., August 26
 Fisher, Levi Z. (Lydia Fisher) Ronks R1, a daughter ELIZABETH S., August 12
 Lapp, Aaron E. (Lizzie Blank) New Holland R1, a son STEVIE, August 15
 Lapp, Christ K. (Anna Mary Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son DANIEL S., July 30
 Lapp, David K. (Sadie Zook) Gordonville R1, a daughter ANNA MARY, August 30
 Lapp, John D. (Malinda Lapp) Ronks R1, a son CHRISTIAN, August 15
 Miller, Ammon H. (Sylvia Glick) 195 Horseshoe Rd., Leola, a daughter ESTHER A., August 30
 Miller, David S. (Mary Petersheim) Gordonville R1, a daughter EMMA L., August 4
 Petersheim, Christian L. (Sarah King) 339 Clearview Rd. Lancaster, a son DANIEL, August 3
 Petersheim, Christian R. (Fannie Fisher) Christiana R1, a daughter MALINDA, August 29
 Smoker, Samuel S. (Rachel Lapp) Ronks R1, a daughter LINDA L., August 19
 Stoltzfoos, Daniel B. (Fannie Kauffman) New Holland R2, a daughter ELIZABETH K., August 15
 Stoltzfoos, John K. (Barbara S. Glick) Holtwood R2, a son DAVID G., August 5
 Stoltzfus, Aaron L. (Betsie Beiler) Quarryville R3, a daughter, KATIE B., August 30
 Stoltzfus, Amos M. (Katie Smucker) Ronks R1, a son MERVIN RAY, August 15
 Stoltzfus, Daniel J. (Katie Zook) Honey Brook R2, a son JONATHAN Z., August 27
 Stoltzfus, Daniel K. (Hannah Lapp) Gordonville R1, a son MERVIN L., August 15
 Stoltzfus, Elam M. (Lydia Ann Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1, a son DAVID JAMES, August 7
 Stoltzfus, Elam M. (Naomi Esch) Lititz R2, a daughter RACHEL E., August 15
 Stoltzfus, Elmer L. (Rachel Miller) Leola R1, a daughter RUTH ANN, August 26
 Stoltzfus, John K. (Mary S. Esh) Leola R1, a son CHRIST E., August 15
 Zook, Emanuel (Verna Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter BETTY A., August 15
 Zook, Isaac (Lydia Beiler) Christiana, Box 183A, a daughter ELSIE MAE, August 29

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Lantz, Amos G. (Katie K. Lapp) Lebanon R1, a daughter MALINDA, August 17

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Byler, Pre. Adam (Nancy Kanagy) a daughter SYLVIA, August 15
 Kanagy, Levi H. (Elizabeth Wengerd) a daughter LENA, July 16
 Swarey, Menno D. (Fannie Peachy) a son DAVID, August 24
 Troyer, Roman (Sara Yoder) a daughter MARY ELLA, August 12
 Yoder, Korie (Anna Weaver) a son IVAN, August 25

Centre County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Eli M. (Mary Glick) Centre Hall, a daughter LYDIA, August 25
 Stoltzfus, Samuel F. (Lydia Riehl) Millheim, a daughter SUSIE, August 22

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Byler, Henry (Barbara Peachey) Belleville, a son SAMUEL, August 6
 Swarey, Crist (Rachel Peachey) Belleville, a daughter KATIE, August 25
 Swarey, Pre. Shem (Fannie Peachey) Allensville, son SHEM, August 12

St. Mary's County, Maryland

Hostetler, Isaac (Sarah Peachey) Mechanicsville, a daughter LYDIANN, August 23
 Hostetler, Isaac (Lydia Stoltzfus) Charlotte Hall, a daughter REBECCA, August 20

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Holmes County, Ohio

Barkman, Mr. and Mrs. David, Millersburg R2, a son
 Barkman, Mr. and Mrs. Eli A., Fresno, a son, August 4
 Beachy, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph, Millersburg R5, a son, August 2
 Hershberger, Mr. and Mrs. Aden J., Dundee R2, a son
 Hershberger, Mr. and Mrs. John, Big Prairie R1, a son, August 16
 Hershberger, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon, Navarre R3, a daughter, August 3
 Hochstetler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J., Fredericksburg, a daughter, August 22
 Hochstetler, Mr. and Mrs. William J., Millersburg R5, a daughter, August 21
 Kauffman, Mr. and Mrs. Firman N., Sugarcreek R1, a daughter, August 5
 Kauffman, Mr. and Mrs. Lester, Millersburg R4, a daughter, August 10
 Keim, Mr. and Mrs. Paul S., Beach City, a daughter, August 8
 Kline, Mr. and Mrs. Joe, Glenmont, a daughter, August 10
 Mast, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C., Millersburg R4, a daughter, August 18
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Albert S., Millersburg, a daughter, August 18
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin, Sugarcreek R1, a daughter
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Andy, Millersburg, a daughter, August 30
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L., Fredericksburg, a son, August 22
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Harry M., Apple Creek R2, a son, August 13
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M., Millersburg R3, a daughter, August 20
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Henry N., Fredericksburg, a daughter, August 22
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas J. E., Sugarcreek R2, a daughter, August 16
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Joni U., Apple Creek R2, a son, August 11
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Mose, Big Prairie, a son, August 30
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Noah R., Millersburg R4, a son, August 13
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Norman, Millersburg R4, a son
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Roy L., Winesburg, a son
 Nisley, Mr. and Mrs. Mose A., Millersburg R2, a daughter
 Raber, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin, Fresno R1, a son, August 11
 Raber, Mr. and Mrs. Henry M., Millersburg R4, a son
 Raber, Mr. and Mrs. Levi A., Sugarcreek, a son, August 8
 Schlabach, Mr. and Mrs. Eli L., Mt. Hope, a son
 Schlabach, Mr. and Mrs. Mose D., Sugarcreek R1, a son
 Schlabach, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson W., Berlin, a son, August 7
 Schlabach, Mr. and Mrs. Rob, Millersburg R5, a daughter, August 5
 Schlabach, Mr. and Mrs. Roman, Baltic R1, a son
 Schlabach, Mr. and Mrs. Roman J., Sugarcreek R1, a son, August 15
 Shetler, Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon, Holmesville, a daughter, August 27
 Swartzentruber, Mr. and Mrs. Gideon, Millersburg Star Rt., a son, August 17
 Troyer, Mr. and Mrs. Eli J., Fredericksburg, a son, August 11
 Troyer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A., Baltic R1, a son, August 12
 Troyer, Mr. and Mrs. John A. N., Sugarcreek R1, R1, a son
 Troyer, Mr. and Mrs. Levi P., Millersburg R3, a daughter
 Troyer, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin, Orrville R2, a daughter, August 27
 Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. John A., Big Prairie R1, a son, August 16
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Eli, Baltic R1, a son, August 2
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Luther D., Millersburg R3, a son, August 15
 Yutzy, Mr. and Mrs. Martin L., Millersburg R5, a daughter, August 16

LaGrange County, Indiana

Beechy, Alvin (Barbara Miller) Wolcottville R2, a son ALVIN JR., August 6
 Bontrager, Delbert, (Susie Yoder) Topeka R2, a daughter RUBY IRENE, August 12
 Bontrager, Olin (Wilma Bontrager) Wolcottville R2, a son VERNON, August 9
 Fry, Jacob (Pollyanna Miller) Topeka R2, a son ALVIN J., August 5
 Gingerich, Albert, (Anna Kurtz) Topeka R2, a daughter CLARA A., August 17
 Hershberger, Melvin (Mary Petersheim) Ligionier R3, a daughter RUBY ARLENE, August 18
 Hochstetler, Clarence (Ada Miller) LaGrange R4, a son MERVIN, August 10
 Lambright, Leland (Anna Miller) Topeka R1, a daughter BETTY L., August 6
 Lehman, Floyd (Martha Miller) LaGrange R1, a daughter HELEN, August 7
 Mast, John (Mary Miller) Topeka R2, a daughter TERESA ANN, August 3
 Miller, Henry (Edna Yoder) LaGrange R4, a son GLEN H., August 20
 Miller, Jacob J. (Anna Schrock) Topeka R1, a son HERMAN J., August 4
 Miller, Jacob P. (Nettie Miller) Shipshewana R2, a daughter INEZ J., July 28
 Miller, William R. (Marie Helmuth) a daughter NANCY ELAINE, July 3
 Schlabach, Omer E. (Anna Mae Bontrager) Goshen, a son JOSEPH WAYNE, August 19
 Troyer, Jacob (Fannie Yoder) LaGrange R1, a daughter KATIE J., August 7
 Weaver, Vernon (Elva Miller) LaGrange R4, a daughter KATIE IRENE, August 7
 Wingard, Raymond J. (Dora Miller) a son JONAS, June 28
 Yoder, Ora J. (Wilma Lambright) LaGrange R4, a daughter SUSIE O., July 27

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada

Eicher, Levi (Leona Graber) a son LESTER, July 29
 Gascho, Joseph (Rosemary Wagler) a son MARK, July 31

BIRTHS, Continued

Adams County, Indiana

Eicher, Elmer (Sylvia Christner) Geneva R1, a son JOHN, July 1
 Girod, Samuel J. (Rosie F. Schwartz) Berne R1, a son ENOS, July 26
 Graber, Jonas J. (Mattie Lambright) Geneva R2, a son ALVIN, July 26
 Schwartz, John B. (Mary Girod) Monroe R1, a daughter MARTHA, July 15
 Schwartz, Joe E. (Margaret Eicher) Geneva R2, a daughter MATTIE, July 14
 Troyer, Ernest C. (Edna V. Schwartz) Monroe R1, a son JOE, July 12
 Wickey, Samuel Z. (Margaret U. Schwartz) Berne R1, a daughter ROSIE, July 11

Daviess County, Indiana

Graber, Alva (Diana Stoll) a son KENNETH JOE, August 7
 Graber, Herman (Rosie Wagler) a son PAUL STEPHEN, August 15
 Kemp, Amos (Naomi Wittmer) a daughter MAGDALENA, August 17
 Knepp, David (Wanda Wagler) a son KEVIN, DEVON, August 23
 Knepp, Harvey (Lydia Wagler) a son JONAS, August 22
 Raber, Floyd (Mary Margaret Knepp) a son DARRELL WAYNE, August 21
 Wagler, Arthur (Fannie Graber) a daughter RHODA, August 15

Arthur, Illinois

Gingerich, Melvin (Katie Miller) a daughter, August 22
 Helmuth, Orie (Fannie Herschberger) twins, a son ERVIN and a daughter ESTHER, August 4
 Miller, Menno (Lorene Plank) a son ELDON RAY, August 15
 Plank, Norman (Emma Schrock) a son MARTIN RAY, August 23
 Schrock, Ervin (Amanda Miller) a daughter EDNA, August 14

Johnson County, Iowa

Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Simon J., Kalona, a son MARLIN RAY, August 14

Buchanan County, Iowa

Bontrager, Joe (Anna Raber) Independence, twins, a son MERVIN and a dau MARY, July 25
 Miller, Bennie (Linda Yoder) Independence, a daughter LORENE, August 22
 Raber, Roman (Emma Herschberger) Hazleton, a son PAUL, August 12
 Shetler, Ivan (Mary Yutzy) Hazleton, a daughter SARAH, August 11
 Stutzman, John E. (Mary Herschberger) Hazleton, a son DAVID PERRY, August 22
 Yoder, Henry J. (Barbara Stutzman) a daughter MARY, August 11

MARRIAGES

Holmes County, Ohio

August 27, Melvin J., son of Jonas A. Nisley, Baltic R1
 and Betty S., daughter of Sam C. Yoder, Millersburg R1
 August 29, Paul, son of Ervin L. Weaver, Fredericksburg
 R2 and Rebecca, daughter of Albert M. Yoder, Fredericksburg R2

LaGrange County, Indiana

Stanley, son of Will L. and Katie Yoder and Mary Etta,
 daughter of William and Lydia Chupp by Milo J.K. Miller, June 2
 Alvin, son of Dan Yoder, Nappanee and Alta Rebecca, dau
 of Amos U. and Fannie (Bontrager) Miller, Millersburg, Aug. 13
 Ervin, son of Sam and the late Susie (Bontrager) Mast and
 Ruby, daughter of the late Joe and Nora Wingard, Shipshewana,
 August 20

Arthur, Illinois

August 6, Leroy, son of Eli J. and Fannie P. (Diener) Gingerich and Emma Jo, daughter of
 Elmer and Amanda (Herschberger) Schrock

BAPTISMS

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

On August 23 in lower district at John L. Peachey's: Sollie Hostetler (Daniel A.),
 Moses Yoder (Samuel P.), Leroy Peight (Samuel H.), Fannie Peachey (Bennie S.), Sylvia Peachey
 (Samuel F.), Lavina Peachey (David C.), Emma Kanagy (Levi Jr.)
 On August 30 in middle district at Rufus D. Peachey's: Shem Peachey (Joseph I.), Annie
 Peachey (Isreal B.), Lomie Peachey (Ezra Y.), Annie Peachey (Rufus D.), Malinda Peachey (Pre.
 Crist B.) Emma Renno (Crist M.), baptized by Bishop Joshua Renno.

Buchanan County, Iowa

Eddie, son of Rudy and Susie Gingerich; Tobie, son of Ora and Ida Miller, August 7
 by Isreal Yoder of Medford, Wisconsin

COMMUNITY NOTES

Adams County, Indiana

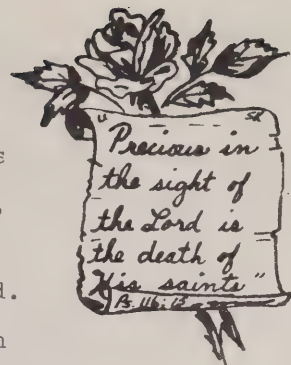
Levi Miller, Berne R1, spent 14 days in the hospital following a light heart attack.
 He is at home now and improving.

Mrs. Jake I. Schwartz, Geneva R2, is a cancer patient. She had more surgery at the
 Luthern Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she was admitted July 3. She is the former Mary Miller
 from Kalona, Iowa. They have 5 small children. Mail will be appreciated.



OBITUARIES

Beiler, David K., 25-day-old son of John S. and Rebecca E. (King) of 106 Horseshoe Road, Leola, Pa., died Thursday, August 13, at the Children's Hospital, Philadelphia, where he had been admitted 3 weeks earlier. Born in Upper Leacock Twp., he is survived by his parents, 3 sisters, Sarah, Annie, and Malinda; and two brothers, Amos and Alvin, all at home; his paternal grandparents, Christ and Annie (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Leola; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Sarah King, Gordonville R1, and his maternal great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Esh, Leola.



Diener, Kathryn, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Diener, LaGrange, Ind. died Sunday, July 19, in the LaGrange County Hospital where she had been a patient four days. She was born May 5, 1961, and lived in Shipshewana the last 18 months. Surviving with her parents are a sister, Wanda, and a brother, Lyle, at home; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer F. Miller, Middlebury and Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Diener, Sullivan, Ill., and her great-grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Shrock, Arthur, Ill. Funeral services were held by Bishop John Troyer; burial was in the East Barron Cemetery.

Eicher, John, infant son of Elmer and Sylvia Eicher, Geneva R1, Indiana died soon after birth, July 1, in the Adams County Memorial Hospital, Decatur. Surviving are the parents, a sister Rebecca, 2, at home. A brother Samuel is deceased. Graveside services were held the next day at the Bunker Hill Cemetery.

Esh, Amos, 67, of Hatville, Gordonville R1, Pennsylvania died unexpectedly Thursday, August 27, at 6:20 a.m. when he was ready to go to work. He was a retired farmer and also did carpenter work. Born in Leacock Twp. he was a son of the late Samuel and Annie (Stoltzfus) Esh. Surviving are his wife, Annie (Smoker) Esh; these children, Barbara, wife of Jonathan Z. Beiler, Strasburg R1; Samuel S., Gordonville R1; Elias S., Intercourse; Sarah, wife of John A. King, Gordonville R1; Miss Annie Esh, at home; Jonathan K., Gap R2; Rachel, wife of Reuben Stoltzfus, Ronks R1; and Naomi, wife of Paul Zook, Gordonville R1; 28 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; and these brothers and sisters, Jacob and Samuel Jr., both of Gordonville R1; Aary, wife of Elam Riehl; Mrs. Annie Stoltzfus; and Malinda, wife of Stephen F. Stoltzfus, all of Gap R1. Funeral services were held from the Amos E. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1 by Samuel E. Stoltzfus and Stephen F. Esh; burial in Gordonville Cemetery.

Graber, Bishop William, 73, Loogootee R2, Indiana died August 7 at his residence. He had been ill four months. He was born May 9, 1897 in Daviess County, a son of John J. and Susanna (Stoll) Graber. He is survived by his wife, Leah (Knepp) Graber, whom he married February 19, 1920. He leaves six sons, Paul and Francis Graber, Odon R1; Fred and John Graber, Montgomery R1; and Abraham and Louis Graber, Loogootee R2; six daughters, Mrs. Ben (Edith) Wittmer, and Mrs. Noah (Pauline) Wagler, Odon R1; Mrs. Amos (Mildred) Graber and Mrs. Alva (Lillian) Knepp, Montgomery R1; Mrs. Enos (Maggie) Graber and Mrs. Amos (Susan) Wagler, Loogootee R2; 106 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; also four brothers, Elmer and Henry Graber, Loogootee R2; Francis Graber, Spencerville, Ind. and Ben Graber, Leo, Ind.; two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Wagler and Mrs. Joel (Elizabeth) Knepp, Montgomery R1. Funeral services were held by Bishop Sam Graber of New Haven and Elva Raber of Montgomery; burial in the Wagler Cemetery.

Kauffman, Fannie (Gingerich), aged 82 yrs., 1 mo. and 16 days, of Middlebury, Indiana died at her home on August 24. She had been in failing health for several years. On June 13, 1910 she was married to Servin J. Kauffman, who survives, also four sons and four daughters, Leland and Owen, Middlebury, Alfred, Goshen; Ira, Sturgis, Mich.; Ida and Leora at home; Mrs. Earl Slagel, St. Johns, Mich.; and Mrs. John Sherby, Rochester, Mich.; two sisters, Mrs. Tobias Yoder, Kokomo, Ind. and Mrs. Ezra Miller, Sarasota, Florida; twenty-seven grandchildren and thirty-one great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Joe M. Bontrager residence by Pre. Lloyd J. Miller and Bishop Enos S. Troyer in German and Bishop David A. Bontrager in English; burial at the Miller Cemetery

Kuhns, Wilbur Dean, 10½ months old son of Alvin and Verna mae (Lehman), Shipshewana R2, Ind. died August 20, in the Elkhart General Hospital following illness of five days. He was born August 26, 1969, in the LaGrange County Hospital. Surviving are the parents and two brothers, David J. and Johnny Ray, and one sister, Lori Ann, all at home, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Lehman of Shipshewana R2 and Mrs. Elizabeth Kuhns of Leesburg R2, and his great-grandmother, Mrs. Fannie A. Lehman of Topeka R1. Funeral services were held by Bishop Clement Miller and Harley Bontrager; burial in the Keightly Cemetery.

Miller, Mattie J., 49, wife of Dan J. Miller, Dundee R1, Ohio died Wednesday evening, August 5 at her residence of a cerebral hemorrhage, after a 3-day illness. She was born in Wayne County. Surviving are her husband and 4 daughters, Mrs. Dan A. (Katie Ann) Miller, Fredericksburg R1; Mrs. Jake L. (Lovina) Shetler, Dundee R1; Amanda and Fannie of the home; 1 son, Sam of the home; 6 grandchildren. Funeral services were held by Bishop Joe D. Troyer; burial in the Miller Cemetery

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1870:

Chargt for 1 bu oats and Corn, .75
 To one Day thrashing, 1.00
 Chargt for 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. Meal .87

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania by Eli S. King and Levi L. Stoltzfus

East Intercourse area: The first part of the month we had very nice weather with high humidity at times. On the 23rd it rained about 3 inches. The last part of the month was very nice and some cooler. Total rainfall was 3.3 inches.

The rainfall for the Bareville area was 2.8 inches. The hog prices plunged 4th week in a row. 220 lbs, \$22. cwt, 180 lbs, \$17. cwt.; 40 lbs shoats, .40 lb. and lower; Vealers, 51.50 cwt.; Fat Bulls, from 27.00 to 31.50 cwt.; Fat Steers, from 27.00 to 32.75 cwt.; Lambs, 27.00 cwt.; Feeder Cattle, from 27.00 to 35.00 cwt.; Fresh Cows sold \$450 to 735; Springers, 470 to 850; Poultry Market Hens, heavy type, .17 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.p Pullets, .29 lb.; Eggs, large, .45 doz.; Hay, Alfalfa, 35.00 to 40.00 Ton; Mixed Hay, 22.00 to 35.00 Ton; Straw, 28.00 to 39.00 Ton; Corn, 1.52 bu.; Wheat, 1.42 bu.; Barley, .90 bu.; Oats, .71 bu.; Ear Corn, from 38.00 to 44.00 Ton; Potatoes, 2.50 to 3.00 cwt.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania by David Y. Renno

August was the driest and warmest month of the year with not enough wind to pump water for the stock. Total rainfall was 3.8 inches which fell mostly the last week. Crops in general are good to excellent. Corn is not blighting here this summer yet and ears are sizing up well. Ground is wet enough now to make plowing for wheat easy. Peaches and apples are a good crop with no hail spots on them. Barn swallows left us on August 21st.

Snyder County, Pennsylvania by S. M. Troyer

We had plenty of rain all summer till in August it got quite dry till the 23rd we had 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 inches of rain, which will help the corn, as it looks very good. Oats and hay were plentiful. The 28th to the 30th were extra warm, as high as 90 degrees in the shade by 5 p.m.. The night of the 30th there were thunder showers all night round about but did not hit us directly.

Jacob F. Schwartz moved from Allen County, Ind. on the 27th to Snyder Co., Pa.

Centre County, Pennsylvania by Henry F. Beiler

We had a lot of warm weather in August but is getting cooler. Pastures are still green and there is lots of rain to help finish corn and hay. Corn looks like a good crop this season. Some third cutting alfalfa is in the barns and some is ready to cut. Most of the oats was cut with a grass mower because it was lodged.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania by Carherine Swarey

August had warm days and cool nights. Highest temperature, 104, lowest, 50 degrees, 4 inches of rainfall. Katydids were heard August 1. Oats is now all thrashed which was badly tangled and hard to cut. Corn looks good, silo filling has started.

Amish parochial Schools opened on August 26.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania by Abe S. Kinsinger

Weather for August was wet up to last week when a lot of oats was thrashed and second cutting hay made. Oats straw is very long and tangled. Oats is running up to 100 bu. to the acre. Corn looks good but no silos are filled around here yet. Rainfall was 6.9 in.

St. Mary's County, Maryland by Amos R. Stoltzfus

The warm and humid weather of July ended August 1st and we had nice weather through most of the month of August. Some warm and sticky days but a lot of ideal weather, too. On the 19th and 20th we had heavy thunderstorms in the evening which left us about 3 in. of rain, which was very much needed. Some farmers have filled silo, some are making hay.

Fredericksburg, Ohio

It was very dry this month, too dry to plow for wheat. Farmers are waiting for rain and are getting ready to fill silo.

Holmes County, Ohio by David E. Miller

We are having very nice weather which is very good for second cutting hay. We didn't have any rain for about 3 weeks till on Aug. 19th we had $\frac{1}{2}$ in. At the present we are having a nice steady rain, it looks as though it could rain all night which we are very glad for. Thrashing is all done with a fair crop; wheat, 40 to 45 bu. to the acre; oats, 100 bu..to the acre and better; speltz, 75 to 90 bu. to the acre.

Holmes County, Ohio, Continued

Albert Beachy's barn burned down the ninth of August. The exact cause is not known. Four calves, 2 horses and a dog burned. He is putting a new 90 ft. by 60 ft. barn up as soon as they can get the rafters. It's going to be a round roof with two gable ends.

LaGrange County, Indiana by Ervin D. Hochstetler

August was dry with only about one inch of rain. Most of the oats thrashing was finished the first week. Very little fall plowing is done yet. Corn looks good here. The price went up about 25¢ a bushel due to the blight in some of the corn states. Hog price is down to \$20. per hundred. Feeder pigs sell for about half of what they did two months ago.

Madams County, Indiana

July was a hot, wet and humid month. The high of the month was 95 on July 2 and the low 48 on the 21st. We had a total of 5.21 inches of rain. During the month there were 6 thunder storms and rain fell on 8 days. There were 7 cloudy days, 18 partly cloudy and only 6 clear days. Farmers have a hard time thrashing their oats.

Maviess County, Indiana by Lester Marner

It is very dry. Corn is damaged by a blight. Most farmers are filling silo early due to blight. Hogs are \$20. to 20.50 and have been lower. Corn is \$1.50 a bushel.

Marthur, Illinois by Menno A. Dienner

Friday, July 31 was warm, temperature 98. August 3 about 5 a.m. we had about 1½ in. of rain with strong wind from North West. Aug. 4 temp. was 60 at 5 a.m.. Aug. 20 report in paper said we had 16 days of over 90 degrees.

Mylmer, Ontario, Canada by LeRoy Eicher

We had 4 1/5 inches of rain the first part of July. The rest of the month was warm and dry. Oats are being cut and shocked. Some wheat has been thrashed.

OBITUARIES, Continued from page 145

Miller, Mrs. Rebecca, 72, of Baltic R1, Ohio

died Saturday morning at Pomerene Memorial Hospital in Millersburg after a long illness. She was born in Indiana to Jonia I. and Lydia (Troyer) Weaver. Her husband, Terry S. Miller, died in 1954. Surviving are a daughter Edna, of the home; four sons, Alvin P. and Jonas P., both of Baltic R1; Perry P. and Sam P., both of the home; three sisters, Mrs. Ben J. (Sarah) Troyer, Charm; Mrs. Millie Miller, LaGrange, Ind.; Mrs. Amos W. (Edna) Hostetler, Shippshewana, Ind.; three brothers, Levi J. Weaver, David J. Weaver, and Jonas J. Weaver, all of LaGrange, Ind.; and eight grandchildren. A sister and a brother died previously. Funeral services were held by Bishop Eli E. Hershberger, burial in the family cemetery in Clark Township.

Schlabach, Mrs. Susanna, 80, of Millersburg, Ohio

died Friday, August 21 at the Pomerene Hospital. She was born Jan. 11, 1890 in Holmes County to Benjamin and Anna Yutzy Kuhns. She married Allen C. Schlabach Jan. 12, 1917. He died Oct. 8, 1944. Surviving are four sons, Sol E., Albert V. and Robert C., all of Millersburg Star Route and Arleigh of Millersburg R1; two daughters, Alta C. and Nora V., both of the home; a brother, Levi Kuhns of Apple Creek R1; a sister, Mrs. Henry Smucker of Nappanee R1, Ind.; 21 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Two brothers, four sisters and a great-grandchild died previously. Funeral services were held by Lester Schlabach; burial was in the Hochstetler Cemetery in Berlin Township.

Smucker, Daniel, 42, of Narvon R1, Pennsylvania (See front page)

was killed in an accident on the Ohio Turnpike, Saturday, August 15. Born in Caernarvon Twp. he was a son of the late David B. and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Smucker. He is survived by his wife Annie (Beiler) Smucker and these ten children, all at home; Moses, Rachel, Mary, Freida, David, Annie, Daniel, Elam, Sadie and Nancy; and these brothers and sisters: Benueel, Willow Rd., Lancaster; Jacob, New Holland R2; Sadie, wife of Joseph F. Beiler, Gordonville R1; Annie, wife of John K. Lapp, Kinzers R1; Mary, wife of Jacob King, Narvon R1; and Rachel, Elmer, Eli, Melinda and David Smucker, all of Narvon R1. Funeral services at the house were held by Dan S. Stoltzfus, Hymn "Denket doch, ihr menschen-kinder" was read by John U. Stoltzfus; services at the barn were held by Samuel E. Stoltzfus and Abner Smucker; Hymn "Gute nacht, ihr meine lieben" was read by Dan L. Stoltzfus; burial was in Mast's Cemetery.

Stoltzfoos, Moses B., 78, of Leola R1, Pennsylvania (known as "Ice Cream Mose")

died Sunday morning, August 9, shortly after 5 a.m.. He was the son of the late Moses B. and Sarah (Beiler) Stoltzfoos. He had a stroke six years ago but was pretty well recovered from that. On Friday, Aug. 7 he fell and was very weak the last two days. The doctor said he died from a heart attack. He was born and died in Upper Leacock Twp. Surviving are his wife, the former Rachel Smucker and one daughter, Emma, wife of Benjamin L. Stoltzfus, Leola R1, and nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a brother, Pre. Elam B. Stoltzfoos, Leola R1 and a sister Miss Ada Stoltzfoos, Leola R1. Funeral services were held at the home by John K. Lapp and Bishop John L. Stoltzfus Jr.; a hymn was read by Bishop Amos Beiler. He was buried in Myer's Cemetery where a hymn was read by Deacon Jacob Zook; abshied was by Bishop Amos E. King.

DIARY DAY MEETING

"Diary Day" was held August 15, 1970 at the home of Joseph F. Beiler, Gordonville R1, Pa. The purpose of the meeting was to give an account of the origin of THE DIARY and to report in the progress made in publishing it.

In 1963 a few brethren started writing letters about "Freindshaft" and History. Twelve ministers and brethren in the U. S. and Canada were involved in a circle letter the purpose of which was to collect and share articles of History. The letter became extinct but a few kept writing. A meeting was held in Daviess Co., Ind. in 1968 at which time the need and possibility to collect and preserve historical material was presented. At this time plans were made for a Yearbook of 1968. Before this yearbook was published the suggestion was given to have a monthly publication. This was realized when the first issue of THE DIARY was published in January, 1969. The first issue contained 8 pages and more have been added since till it was decided to hold the number of pages at 20 to have a uniform sized publication. More pages may be added later as more material is available and the subscription list merits it.

Some thoughts that were shared at the meeting were: "It is worthwhile to preserve our historical virtues for posterity." "We need to show our appreciation for what our ancestors did for us." "We should not have to depend on outsiders as there is much material among our people which is not shared." "Young people do not know the value and dispose of valuable old books."

The meeting was adjourned at noon and no afternoon session was held because in the morning just before the meeting started the message came of the death of Daniel S. Smucker who is a brother to Sadie, wife of Joseph F. Beiler at whose home we had gathered.

Pittsburg, Pa., 10. Okt. 1910.

Lieber Anton!

Als ich fröhe abend
von der Post zurück kam,
sah ich in der Kiste für
Bücher ein Eisenmesser.
Es hat ein braunes Griff
und zwei Klinge. Der
Eigentümer wird sich
gewiß freuen, das selbe
wiederzubekommen. Willst
du so gut sein und einen
Leder bitten, er möge
die Güte haben sich nach-
fragen, ob jemand ein
Messer verlor haben?

Ich würde das selbe dem
Eigentümer gern zurück
geben.

Hoffentlich bald etwas von
dir zu hören, verbleibe ich
dein treuer Freund
Joseph.

Pittsburg, Pa.,
Oct. 10, 1910.

Dear Anthony.

On my way home
from the Post Office this eve-
ning I found a penknife
near your school. It
has a brown handle and
three blades. The owner will,
no doubt, be pleased to get
his knife again. Will you
kindly ask your teacher to
inquire if any of the boys
lost a penknife? I shall
be pleased to return it to
the owner.

Hoping to hear from
you soon, I remain
Yours truly,
Joseph.

THE STORY OF THE BROADFALL PANTS

"Oh, I just wondered whats making the floor shake," said Lydiann. It is Ernie with an 80 yard roll of blue saddle denim on the cart, to be put on the cutting table here at Gohn Bro's in Middlebury, Indiana where we are sewing.

Our work is really quite interesting and many of you as customers have helped to make it so. We think an article about it might be of interest to you and also be informative, so here is our story:

Since I have mentioned the cutting table, it might be well to explain that, as it is also the first procedure in our operations. One cutting table here is 24 feet long and 5 feet wide. When the boss, LaMar Gohn tells Mrs. Fannie Miller to cut a full cutting it takes a number of these rolls. Fannie lays the patterns on the material and marks them with a chalk. Then they lay folds of denim as long as is required, around 5 yards long. After these folds are laid perfectly smooth and straight the pattern is laid on them and with an electric cutter she cuts these folds in one operation. This procedure consists of cutting out the fronts and backs, hip pockets, large pockets, watch pockets and the belting for 6 sizes of broadfall pants. They then have cut out 240 pairs of pants at one cutting. Since these folds are laid facing each other a space is reserved for pliers pockets as we use only right-hand pliers pockets unless otherwise ordered and that happens occasionally.

The fronts and backs are put up into bundles, which consist of fronts and backs of four pairs of pants. They are stacked on a row of shelves in the proper place for each size. The pockets and the belting is placed in a table ready for the sewers to use as needed. This goes for the different kinds of material, blue denim and grey and blue saddle denim. The saddle denim is a dressier looking material and is about the same weight.

Now which of these bundles will be placed on our pile? We each get a separate pile. "I hope I have laid these bundles out as I should," said Marilyn Gohn, meaning according to sizes and special orders. She was doing a fine job of "standing in" for her husband, our boss, as she always does when he goes away on business or fishing! "You are doing just fine," said Susie Miller, and we all heartily agreed.

What we call "regular" pants we make with two big pockets, one watch pocket, two hip pockets and a pliers pocket, buttons and suspender buttons. For example on my pile there's a bundle with 2 tickets, 1 ticket 36-30, 2 pairs no hip pockets, 1 pair no hip pockets and no buttons, so there's still one pair to be made up in the "regular" way. There is a bundle 32-30, 1 pair no hip pockets, no buttons, of grey saddle denim; 1 bundle 48-30, 1 pair no hip pockets, no buttons, of blue saddle denim; 1 bundle 30-32, 3 pairs no hip pockets and no suspender buttons, of blue denim; 1 bundle 29-30, 4 pair no hip pockets, no suspender buttons, of blue denim; 36-32, grey saddle denim, 3 pairs no pliers pockets; 1 bundle 32-30, 2 pairs no pliers pockets, no hip pockets, no buttons. You see, we rivet the buttons and some prefer to have Gohn Bro's send either the plastic or metal buttons and sew them on themselves. It takes around two hours to do one of these bundles.

"All right, I will make them up that way," said Lydiann, when the boss brought the order. Four pairs size 40-30, no hip pockets, no suspender buttons, 2 watch pockets, 2 pliers pockets. The pliers pockets are to be raised to just below the front or big pockets. So it goes, we also get orders to make belt loops and we are happy to make them as preferred.

"Fannie must be like the ants, preparing for winter," I teased when I looked up from my work and saw her cutting wool lining for overshirts on a hot July morning. "There is nothing like being ready early," she laughed and continued with her work. So that is how and why Gohn Bro's have a number of shelves filled with overshirts, lined and unlined, denim and corduroy.

We have eleven machines here. Susie (Miller) Frey, Lydiann (Slabach) Miller, Florence Kindy, Fannie (Miller) Miller and I each have a straight-stitch machine to use. The double-needle machine we use to sew the pockets on is for all to use and we try to adjust amiably as to a convenient time. There are two machines for the "closed" seams. Sometimes we don't get them all closed but we don't want it to be that way. If we are aware of it and it is too bad we have to open them and do them over. However, there are times when we feel it is best not to "disturb" outside appearances. Sometimes when we try to correct our mistakes we make it even worse! Has this been your experience, also? After we have used these machines we have two to make the buttonholes and one to rivet the buttons. Now they are ready to be buttoned, folded and laid on the table for inspection, then they are put on the shelves, on display or used to fill an order.

"Where does that noise come from?" we wondered. "It seems to come from my machine," I said, but I could still use it so we looked and listened. "Oh, there goes my light," I said and all was quiet. We knew there was trouble and could do nothing but tell Mr. Gohn. "I will get hold of Leon, the electrician as soon as I can," he said after looking it over. "I guess I will have to use Florence's machine today," I said, as she wasn't working that day. Susie quickly offered, "Then you can use my machine tomorrow, as I am planning to go to a quilting." In a few days the motor was fixed and I was happy to be "at home" again.

"Well, here he is with a brand new clock and a fancy one at that," remarked Lydiann, when the boss came with it, for the clock had also given out a few days before. In other words, Mr. Gohn is very prompt to keep things fixed and going, but I have wondered if there aren't times when he would feel like giving up!

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From THE COMING KING by James Edison White (Published, 1906)

WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS.

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars." Matthew 24:6.

The Saviour, describing the condition of the world just previous to His second coming, declares that there shall be "wars and rumors of wars." and that "nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." Matthew 24:6,7. This would indicate that, as the time draws near for the return of the Lord, the nations of earth will be making unusually great preparations for war.

The world had been a great battle-field, where the strong and the weak have contended for the mastery. Nations have arisen by battle and blood, held sway by the sword, and gone down the same way they arose. Time has not changed the hearts of men, and as nations have done in the past, so they are doing and preparing to do now with greater intensity than ever before. As we look upon the world to-day, we cannot but be impressed with the remarkable preparations for war that are in progress, which far exceed anything ever before known in the history of the world.

Beginning with the French Revolution in 1789, and ending with the battle of Waterloo in 1814, Europe passed through the Napoleonic wars, which were the most terrible ever known in her history. But the armies and the preparations for war in Europe at the present time are on a scale far exceeding anything known in Europe at that time. Napoleon fought many of his most famous battles with an army that in European eyes to-day would appear ridiculously small. At the battle of Austerlitz, where he gained one of his most famous victories, his army numbered but 75,000 men. His great campaign in Russia was undertaken with an army of 450,000 men. At the battle of Leipsic, called "The Battle of the Nations," there were 136,000 French opposed to 230,000 allied troops. His army at Waterloo, his last battle, was fought with about 75,000 men. How small these armies seem in comparison with the armies of to-day! Of the five great continental Powers of Europe,--France, Russia, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy,--each one of them has a standing army of about 1,000,000 men, and upon necessity the whole male population able to bear arms can be sent into the field.

Great Britain is equally prepared for war, and her army numbers 450,000 men, but her greatest display of warlike power is in her navy. The fleets of all these powers are continually being increased, and it is a well-known fact that more than seventy-five per cent of all the revenues of these countries is expended in warlike preparations.

The smaller powers of Europe have caught the same spirit, and have increased their armies in proportion to their size and population, the same as the greater powers. To-day Europe is a vast camp, and the young men of the nations are withdrawn from peaceful pursuits and housed in army barracks, where in the life of the camp they receive a training distinctly cruel and unchristian. Perhaps the most warlike preparation, in that it takes the world by surprise, that has been made in late years, has been that accomplished by Japan. Thirty years ago Japan was unknown as a military power; to-day she is one of the great military powers of earth,--a nation which no European power considers a mean antagonist. In naval activity she is second only to England. By her example, and especially because of the defeat by her of the Chinese, the latter country, under the direction of Russia, made great preparations for war, which at last broke out, February 9, 1904. What does it mean that these heathen nations develop so suddenly into military powers of such great strength? Is it not because they are preparing for the last act of the great drama of the world's history? The prophet Joel, looking to this time, exclaimed, "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war; wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, I am strong... Let the heathen be awakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat; for there will I sit to judge the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe." Joel 3: 9-13.

The Revelator, describing the same time, says: "The nations were angry, and Thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead that they should be judged, and that Thou shouldest give reward to Thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear Thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy the earth." Revelation 11:18.

The nations are angry. They are jealous of one another, each fearing that the other will gain some advantage in power, trade, or an increase of territory; hence the mustering of armies and the manufacture of implements of warfare with a death-dealing capacity marvelous in accuracy and power. France and Germany, hating each other with intense hatred, each has reached out for allies until Europe is divided into two great opposing forces. The nations of Europe have been seized with a land hunger, which has led to the forcible division of Africa and the occupation of China. There is scarcely an island of the ocean, from magnificent Madagascar to the smallest specks of land in the Southern seas, that has not within the last few years been forcibly taken possession of by some of the European powers. Even the people of the United States have caught the spirit of extension and conquest, and it is doubtful if their ambition will be content with the West Indies and the Philippines.

With such a state of affairs, one may expect great preparations for war,--may expect "wars and rumors of wars." Today, (May 10, 1904) the rumor is that Russia is preparing

to invade Turkey; to-morrow, that her mighty army will soon force the passes of the Himalaya Mountains and invade British India. Again, German and British hostility toward each other leads the two nations to the brink of war. At another time France and Great Britain are growling at each other over Egypt and other complications in Africa. The empire of Austria-Hungary is on the verge of dissolution; the debates in its parliament are transformed into bloody encounters between the members. Southern Germany is not reconciled to its subordinate position in the empire; the socialists are active, and nihilism stands in the dark with a dagger, ready to thrust through any and every king and statesman in its way. Pope Leo, before his death, aided by the vast body of the Catholic clergy, was secretly planning for the overthrow of the kingdom of Italy, the restoration of his temporal power, and the regaining of his position as the arbiter of European affairs. Is it any wonder that under such circumstances there should be "wars and rumors of wars?" The United States is affected by the prevalent spirit of these significant times. We have a "Monroe Doctrine," which is very offensive to some of the European powers, and its maintenance can be effected only by armies and ships of war. Hence a "vigorous foreign policy" is advocated, a strong navy is being built, and the highest military officers of the United States are advocating an increase of the army.

It is the fixed purpose of this government to allow no European power not now possessing colonies in this hemisphere, to gain any territory on this continent, and an attempt to do so may at any time bring the United States into collision with some foreign, or grasping European power.

Nations do not make such preparations for war without a purpose. A nation cannot go on always arming and never fighting. At some time the storm will burst in its fury, and all past wars will sink into insignificance before that conflict. In the last great struggle, the "mighty ones of God" (see Joel 3:11) will take part. Says another prophet: "The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters; but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee afar off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind." Isaiah 17:12, 13.

Several times it has seemed that a general European war could not be avoided; but a settlement has been speedily effected and the powers have again quieted down to watch one another. Why is this?--for the reason that God has a work to be done in the earth. The angels of God are holding the winds of strife until the "servants of God" are "sealed." Revelation 7:3.

It will not be long now, however, before "rumors of war" will be turned to war itself, --war, grim and terrible--and none can be safe except those who have made God their trust, whose hope is in another world than this, even the new earth, wherein shall dwell the righteous. Matthew 5:5; 2 Peter 3:13.

Not till then will wars cease, and peace reign on earth from the rising even to the setting of the sun.

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Troyer, Albert J., 73, of Millersburg Star Route, Ohio died at his home August 19 following a long illness. Born March 15, 1897 in Madison Co., Ohio, he was the son of John and Bena (Miller) Troyer. On March 15, 1925 he married Lovina Gingerich who survives. Also surviving are 2 sons, Alvin, Millersburg and Jonas, Berlin, 2 daughters, Mrs. Cletus (Esther) Miller, Topeka, Ind., and Mrs. Eli J.C. (Katie) Yoder, R1, Sugar Creek; 4 brothers, Eli, Hartsville; Ben, Charm; Noah, Millersburg and John, Sugar Creek; 2 sisters, Mrs. Abe Hostetler, Berlin and Mrs. Eli Plank, Newton, Kans; and 23 grandchildren. Funeral services were held by Bishop Levi Hostetler, burial in the Coblentz Cemetery.

Yoder, Monroe B., 78, of Millersburg, Ohio died Sunday, August 23 at his home of a sudden illness. He was born in Tuscarawas Co. May 29, 1892 to Benjamin and Lizzie (Troyer) Yoder. He married Mattie Hostetler, Feb. 22, 1917, who died June 7, 1964. He is survived by 3 sons, John M., Punxsutawney, Pa; Milo, Millersburg; Urah, Millersburg R5; 6 daughters, Mrs. Levi Kline, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Ezra Keim, Mrs. Aden Yoder, Mrs. Wayne Miller and Mrs. Monroe Miller; 60 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Services were held by Roy Schlabach; burial in Raber Cemetery in Walnut Creek Twp.

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How long have I been at Gohn Bro's? I am here since September, 1968. The co-workers? Susie Frey has been here over three years. Lydiann Miller has been here over 8 years. Florence Kindly has been here around 6 years. presently she works two days a week. Ewina Gorden works during the winter while Lydiann and her husband, Emanuel go to Florida. Fannie Miller came almost a year ago and took over as cutter. She also sews when she has time. We were very sorry that Gladys Heaven became ill and unable to work, but Fannie has very ably "taken over" her responsibilities. Lisa (Riegsecker) Hershberger came shortly before Christmas '69 and helps fill orders, lay up the denim for the "cuttings." Maxine Shrock has been clerk for a number of years. Ann Troyer helps clerk and has been here the longest. Ernie Schult has been here over two years, he is clerk and helps where needed.

We do have very nice times together and I feel very unworthy of the many blessings and am so grateful for them all, especially to Him from whom all blessings flow.

We do have visitors occasionally and we appreciate them. We invite you to come to Gohn Bro's and see us in action. We also hope you like our products and we are sorry if you don't but try us again, we might do better next time.

Anna Eash, Shipshewana, Indiana

The Hour Glass



Days well spent are drops all sparkling
 In the waters deep and broad,
 Of Eternity's Great Ocean,
 Every drop is held by God.
 Days well spent are Shining Jewels
 Scattered in the peaceful road
 Which to happiness will lead us
 To our Father's blest abode.

From the Writing Book of Lydia J. (Fisher) Petersheim

From an Old Diary, 1857

In the days of the spinning wheel and the grain cradle our forefathers worked long hours and had much hard work, but they also had many happy hours together. They probably were often just as happy or more so than we are in our time. We do have much material wealth in our time, but it is not an unmixed blessing. Jesus said, "Der Mensch lebt nicht davon das er viele guter hat." Many possessions make many cares. We can still often be a help to each other, but even in our time we see how machinery is causing a tendency to "do it ourselves," thus we don't need the neighbors' help so much. Those who can afford the machinery may forget that there are those who cannot afford it. When money was scarce there was probably more of a spur to neighborliness, kindly helping each other.

We have copied extracts from Simon Zook's diary. Simon, 1819 to 1886, was a son of David and Barbara Zook of Mifflin County. Out of twelve children Simon and his brother Saul Levi married in Lancaster County. Saul Levi was grandfather to Bishop David Fisher. Simon married Barbara, daughter of Christian King who lived near Ronks. Simon and Barbara first lived in the valley just west of Belleville.

Extracts from Simon Zook's Diary, 1857: Feb. 1, Sabbath. Feb. 2, cold; we slaughtered 2 hogs; one wt 317, one 244, Joel helpt. July 7th, We was mowing, Dan Peter and G Trostel helpt and Christ Yoder and his hiredlen helpt to 9 o'clock then they went to work on their hay. July 8, we mowed and turned hay to dinner, D Peters and Trostel & C Yoder and hirelen helpt, We got 8 loads hay in afternoon. 11th, me and boys were out in woods and got cattle home.

1858: July 15, we cut barley awhile then rye to dinner. In afternoon we boun up rye. Aug. 16, me and Pete took bed of wagon and ladders of the other and greased them then hauled out dung.

They decided to move to Lancaster County.

1859: Feb. 25, we had sale, sold over \$400 worth. Mar 10th, we hauled things to L town (Lewistown) depot to fill car. I had two wagons, bro-in-law Chris drove one, Simeon (his twin bro) hauled one load, Mosey Christ Yoder one. Enoch and Joel (his brothers) each a 2 horse load. We filled car and got home a little after 9. Mar. 14th, we started with teams for Lancaster, came as far as Mifflin with cattle and teams (the boys helped drive the cattle) 15th, to Thompsonstown; 16th, to within 5 miles of Harrisburg; 17th to Elizabethtown. 18th, to Father-in-laws. 19th, to Willis Brubakers where I rented. (where Preacher Stephen L. Stoltzfus's live) Mar. 21, Me and Joel and Christ (his boys) went to Lancaster, brought the cow that got a calf there.

Apr. 3, Susy was unwell. Apr. 4, better. 9th, Susy worse. 10, I was in New Holland for Dr. Luther. 12, sent for Dr. Luther before breakfast. He said she has the croup stickflusz. She did not like to take the medicine but we got her cokeest to take some. 13, sent early for Dr. I asked him about getting another Dr. He was agreed. I sent for father-in-law. He brought Dr. Strom. They both met about 3 o'clock but she was too far gone to give her medicine, dying soon after they were gone, her age 6 yrs 8 mo 15 days.

They then bought farm & moved to near Talmage.

1864: July 4th, Me and Johnny reaped wheat for Reuben Buck 8 acres altogether (they probably used a "self rake" reaper) (Johnny was later Bishop John Zook)

1865: Jan. 12, Me, Barbara and children went to bro-in-law Sam King's wedding at Eli Zooks. (Sam Kings had one son, Eli) Apr. 16, I herd they killed president Lincoln. July 22, we was at father-in-laws. 26, Me and Barbara came home as father-in-law died this morning at half after nine. (Christian King was ordained a bishop in 1856, was 62 when he died, his widow Catherine, nee Stoltzfus, Fisher Book # 2 lived to be 94 years old, dying in 1898)

1875: Nov 22, John Deaner and Simon commenced dig well got down 7 or 8 ft and got on rock. Nov 2, bro Enoch and sister Salome came.

1876: Mar 7, Building house stuck it off 30 by 32. 9th, we had frolic for digging cellar. Almost every fit day Simon and Deaner worked in well (Deaner was later Ronks mail carrier.) Mar 18th, they quit think water enough. Mar 23, Bought a cradle for Joels. April 4th, The carpenters came, Sam Hemlin and 3 hands. (very likely the house where Simon Jr.'s widow Lydia lived in, and died in Nov. 1952) Simon Zook died Feb. 15, 1886: Barbara died May 18, 1917. She was nearly 93. Now on July 23, 1970 her granddaughter Barbara was 93.

It is told that Simon, having much trouble with a crooked toe, decided instead of going to a Doctor to amputate it himself. Getting a chisel and mallet, he set chisel under toe and with one stroke with mallet the operation was performed! Probably Barbara put on Lilia drom or something like it and bound it up. Not a big doctor bill to pay!

In one of the issues of THE DIARY we were told how Dr. Atlee operated on Barbara for a large tumor at their home. THE DIARY, June 1969, page 7.

May we always keep the spirit of friendly neighborliness that is so necessary in a Christian Community.

By Noah Zook

From NEW HOLLAND CLARION'S "Over The Trail To The Past"

75 years ago, 1895

A number of outrages had been perpetrated on the Amish sect of north-western Ohio. Several barns had been burned and potato and clover crops destroyed. People of the settlement were considering the advisability of disposing of their farms and effects and seeking a new location.

50 years ago, August 14, 1920

Lancaster County was visited by a series of thunderstorms last Saturday evening, followed by another series on Sunday afternoon. Two barns were burned in Saturday's storm and three on Sunday. Several hundred acres of tobacco were badly riddled by hail. It was estimated that damage to buildings and crops amounted to more than \$50,000.

The Churchtown reported wrote that hauling manure, plowing and threshing were the leading topics for the farmers at present. The wheat was yielding from 25 to 30 bushels per acre and the oats 45 to 60 bushels per acre. A great deal of tobacco had been topped and was expected to be housed before September 1.

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past, we will refer to the family of Abraham Kurtz who came to America arriving at Philadelphia in 1740 on the ship Robard and Alice, Walter Goodman, Master from Rotterdam, last from Cowes. He being a member of the Amish church, settled near Shillington, Berks County, Pennsylvania where his first wife died. He then revisited Germany and married to Barbara Hollinger and returned to America to his previous location in Berks Co., Pa. Some years later he with his family moved from Berks County to Lancaster Co. and settled in the Pequea Valley north of White Horse where he purchased several farms for his children. You will note in a letter written by one of his descendants about the Kurtz family graveyard which is located on the John Yost farm northeast of White Horse or about 1 mile east of the Pequea Presbyterian church. You will also note that two of his sons married Lapp daughters, who were daughters of Micheal Lapp Sr. Also a son Joseph married to Fannie Miller a daughter of Daniel Miller of Shillington, Pennsylvania.

There are very few if any of the descendants of Abraham Kurtz affiliated with the Amish church anymore, but numerous of his descendants live in the eastern part of Lancaster County under various denominations. Following is a copy of a letter giving an account of the pioneer Abraham Kurtz family:

Lancaster, Pennsylvania
April 5, 1913

Mr. Scott Kurtz

My dear Mr. Kurtz:

I want to make a correction regarding your Kurtz genealogy, as I told you that your great grandfather's name was Joseph Kurtz. As I have now discovered, the right authentic history from whom you descend is as follows:

Your first ancestor by the name of Kurtz was Abraham Kurtz, who emigrated from Germany to America in the year 1740 (just one hundred years before I was born). He came in the ship Robert and Alice from Rotterdam. He first settled near Shillington, Berks County. He had by his first wife two sons; Christian, who was your great grandfather. His son Christian, was your grandfather (Charles W. Kurtz's great grandfather and owner of said clock).

Abraham Kurtz, the pioneer, purchased for his oldest son, Christian, (your great grandfather) a farm in 1767, in Pequea Valley (near what was Ben Rosborough's coach shop at South Hermitage), near Pequea Presbyterian Church. His son Christian, your great grandfather, some years afterwards, purchased from the Cowan Estate, the farm on the Peters Road, now your Aunt Maria Kurtz's farm (widow of Uncle Dave Kurtz, brother of Jonathan, Charles W. Kurtz's grandfather, Uncle Scott's father and Newton's and Howard's father).

Abraham Kurtz (the pioneer of 1740) purchased a farm for his second son, Jacob Kurtz by his first wife, a farm not far east of Pequea Church, the John Warner farm or next and south of same, where the Kurtz graveyard is located.

I find by a copy of the contract, dated the 31st of July, 1767, the name of my great uncle, Anthony Ellmaker, as one of the witnesses on said contract. This farm was first taken up by John Williamson, an Englishman. You remember I told you when you were here, that Pequea Valley was first settled by the Scotch-Irish, and English, the former Presbyterians and the latter Episcopalians.

This Jacob Kurtz purchased a farm for his son, John Kurtz (known as Bully Johnny), west of Pequea Church that belonged to Thomas Clemmins, who was a Presbyterian and had a son, a Presbyterian Minister. He was the grandfather of Thomas S. McElvain, near Gap. This John Kurtz was the father of your late neighbor, Daniel Kurtz. Jacob Kurtz also purchased farms adjoining for his sons, Abraham Kurtz and Jacob Kurtz, that belonged to Richardson's estate. They were Episcopalians (see their graves at Campass Episcopal Church).

Abraham Kurtz (pioneer) after his first wife's death, revisited Germany, and while there took for his second wife, Barbara Hollinger. He arrived again in America September 15, 1749. He went to his first settlement in Berks County. On his second arrival, he was accompanied by other Amish settlers who settled in Berks County; Stoltzfus's, Masts, Lapps and others.

Two of his sons to his second wife married Lapps. He had eight children to his second wife. His oldest son to his second wife was Abraham, who married Barbara Ritter. He died on his father's first settled farm in Berks County on September 21, 1831. The second child to his first wife was Barbara Kurtz, who married Henry Zook. He settled in Whiteland Township, Chester County. Several of their sons came to Lancaster County. Among them was a son who was the grandfather of Mrs. Jason K. Eaby, Intercourse. Those of the family who remained in Chester County, intermarried with the Quakers, some of whom I am acquainted with.

The third child of the second wife was John Kurtz, who married Barbara Graver. He went to the northwest of Harrisburg, Perry County. My great uncle, Jacob Ellmaker, went there the same year, 1799.

The fourth son was Peter Kurtz, who married Hettie Lapp. They had one child, a daughter, Hannah Kurtz, who married John Binkley, who owned the mill now known as Spangler's Mill. John Binkley and Hannah Kurtz has one child, a daughter, who married Levi Baxter (Harry's parents). Her mother, Hannah Binkley died in 1836 and is buried in the Kurtz and Anthony Ellmaker graveyard in the line of now Elam E. Kling and Henry Mentzer farms. She is buried beside her father and mother, Peter Kurtz and wife.

Abraham Kurtz, (pioneer) purchased for this fourth son, Peter Kurtz and his youngest son, Samuel Kurtz (the latter, Mrs. Daniel Kurtz's grandfather), from John Burkart, first taken up by Anthony _____, who died there in 1746. His wife, Mary _____, who died in 1747, leaving the first legacies to the Lutheran Church, New Holland, Zeltenreich's Church on the Mill Creek; also St. James Episcopal Church and St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lancaster. I have the original receipts given for said legacies. My great grandfather settled his estate in 1748.

The fifth son was Joseph Kurtz, who married Fannie Miller. They had nineteen children. His grandson of Reading became prominent in other walks of life.

The pioneer's second daughter, Maria Kurtz, married Abraham Zook. He had farms near Eden, east of Lancaster. He was a brother of Henry Zook of Chester County (before mentioned). Henry died February 21, 1826, while on a visit to his brothers at Eden. They had married sisters, the only two daughters of pioneer, Abraham Kurtz, 1740.

Abraham Zook who married Maria Kurtz were the ancestors of Samuel Kurtz Zook, jeweler of Lancaster. The sixth son was David Kurtz, who married Barbara Lapp. He lived near Sorrel Horse.

The seventh son was Samuel Kurtz, who married Barbara Showalter. He and his brother Peter Kurtz, owned the farm before mentioned. (They were the grandparents of Suzanna Kurtz, your neighbor.) The Showalters came from England at an early day and by intermarrying with the Germans, became identified with the same. I am writing this on an antique table I purchased after grandmother's death in 1862. She had brought it with her when she was married to Kurtz. It belonged to her ancestors, the Showalters, and it is said, was brought from England by them. When I came to Lancaster I had it scraped and varnished. Mr. Hertzler, an expert, said it was made from wood that did not grow in this country.

We were taught to have respect for grandmother Kurtz. (She was with my grandmother when my father was born in 1802.) She was with my mother when all of her eleven children were born. I was the ninth child.

She was born in 1771, before the Revolutionary War. When seven or eight years old, she remembered seeing the sick and wounded soldiers pass her father's house when they were taken to Ephrata to be cared for by "Cloister sisters and brethern." Many died there and are buried west of the Cloister buildings. Some years ago a monument was erected to their memory.

Her daughter, Aunt Susey Weaver, who had a very retentive memory, told me that her grandfather, Abraham Kurtz, crossed the ocean three times; the last two times he brought Amish people who settled first in Berks County. Many of their descendants purchased farms from the Scotch-Irish in Leacock and Salisbury Townships.

I am fearful I will tire you with all this. Jason K. Eaby had asked me what his great grandfather's name was. I had told him, as I told you, Joseph. Mrs. Maria Kurtz had told me but Beckie Bair insisted it was Christian. Some one from Lancaster had asked Jason in regard to some farms your great grandfather had purchased, which were recently sold. No doubt it was the Elmer farm. Your Aunt Maria had all of the old deeds. From some papers in my possession, I found it was Christian. Very sincerely yours, J. Watson Ellmaker

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THE EUROPEAN PERIOD

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Testimony of John Claes in the year 1544, while in prison at Amsterdam.

(Pp. 469-471, Martyrs' Mirror).

To his wife:

Bring up my dear children in the admonition of the Lord, this is my will to you; and associate with the good, for they prosper. Care not for temporal things; for that which is visible must perish. What you can get take with you, and commit the rest to faithful friends; and remove with your little ones far enough to be out of danger, from man. Bring them up in the admonition of the Lord, and keep with those that fear the Lord.

My dear wife, I request you to bring up my children, in all good instruction, to have my testament read to them, and to bring them up in the Lord, according to your ability, as long as you remain with them. And I desire of you, that you love neither yourself nor your children more than the Lord and His testimony.

To his children:

My dear little children, Claes Jans and Gertrude Jans, I leave you this as a testament when you come of age. Hear the instruction from your father. Hate all that the world and your carnal nature love, and love the commandments of God. 1 John 2:16. . . . Believe not what men say, but obey the commands of the New Testament, and ask God to teach you His will. Trust not to your understanding, but trust in the Lord, and let all your counsel be in Him, and ask Him to direct your paths.

My children, how you are to love God the Lord, how you must honor and love your mother, and love your neighbor, and fulfill all other commandments required of you by the Lord, the New Testament will teach you. Matt. 22:37, 39. Whatever is not contained therein, believe not; but obey everything that is embraced in it. Associate with those who fear the Lord, who depart from evil, and who do every good thing through love. Oh, look not to the multitude or the custom, but to the little flock which is persecuted for the word of the Lord; for the good do not persecute, but are persecuted. When you have given yourselves to this, beware of all false doctrine; for John says: "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ he hath both the Father and the Son." 2 John 9. The doctrine of Christ is: Love, mercy, peace, chastity, faith, meekness, humility and perfect obedience to God. Gal. 5:22, 23.

My dear children, surrender yourselves to that which is good, and the Lord will give you understanding in all things. I give you this as my last farewell. Regard the chastening of the Lord; for if you do evil, He will punish you in your souls. Job 5:17. Hence desist, and cry to the Lord for help, and hate that which is evil, and the Lord shall deliver you, and you shall prosper. May God the Father, through His beloved Son Jesus Christ, give you His Holy Spirit that He may guide you into all truth. Amen. John 16:13.

I, John Claess, your father, have written this while in prison for the word of the Lord. May the good Father grant you His grace. Amen.

Concerning the sentence passed against John Claes:

The lords of the court then forbade John Claess to speak, . . . They then proceeded with their sentence, and said to the clerk: "Read his crime." He read that he had caused to be printed at Antwerp six hundred books, which he had concluded with Menno Simons, and scattered abroad in this country, containing strange opinions and sectarianism, and had kept school and held meetings, to introduce errors among the people. . . .

A testament left by Jorjaen Simons to his son Simon, when he was imprisoned at Haarlem, where he was afterwards put to death on the 26 of April, 1557.

(Pp. 564-66, Martyrs' Mirror).

May God through His great mercy grant to my son Simon, to grow up virtuously, and if the Lord permit him to reach the years of understanding, to confess Him, and having learned His will, to order his life in accordance with it, in order to obtain eternal salvation, through His beloved Son Jesus Christ, together with the Holy Ghost. Amen.

My child and dear son, incline your ears to the admonition of your father. . . .
. . . First of all, my dear child, I would affectionately warn, admonish and entreat you, to beware of and shun all wickedness, and to walk from infancy in the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom; and if God reveal His wisdom to you, hesitate not to walk in it, since death pursues the young as well as the old. Improve the time given you by God for repentance. Have your intercourse with the good, and beware of the perverse. If sinners entice you, consent not, and have no fellowship with them; refrain your foot from their path, for their steps take hold on hell. Hence, touch not pitch, lest you be defiled; for an evil end draws nigh to the wicked, which will bear the burden everywhere. Of this and every evil, my dear son, beware, and remember that Paul says, that we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according

to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad (2 Cor. 5:10), but the flesh will advise you to nothing good. Hence Paul may well say: "To be carnally minded is death, yea, they that are in the flesh, cannot please God." Ro. 8:6, 8. Therefore, mortify your carnal members here on earth. Read Paul, or have him read to you; he will tell you, which are the works of the flesh. Gal. 5:19. If you have time and opportunity, use diligence to learn to read and write, that you may learn and know the better, what the Lord requires of you.

Seek not high temporal things; though they that obtain them, are called and commended as happy by the common people; they are nevertheless unhappy and rejected before God. Hence humble yourself under the mighty hand of God, that you may be exalted in eternity. 1 Pet. 5:

My dear son and beloved child, this is my chief and last will, my testament to you, which I desire you to read diligently, to meditate well upon it, and to compare it to the Scriptures in order to govern your steps in accordance with it. Mark well, my son, what I write: many will appear in the garb of good teachers, saying that they have medicine for your sick soul; but the ones that will profit you, are those who have the truth; adhere to them. Water and fire are set before you: stretch forth your hand unto whether you will, unto death or life. Sirach 15:16. This, my dear son, will at first be very hard for you to hear, since it is contrary to your first birth, which is of the flesh; but you must be born again, and converted if you would enter into the kingdom of God. You cannot understand this so long as you are carnally-minded, yea, so long as you do not become the fool and enemy of the world. Dearly beloved son, I entreat you again, as I did before, to consider this, and to govern yourself in accordance with it. Out of a faithful father's heart I have left you this, when about to depart from this world, and to die for the Word of the Lord. May the Lord grant you, and all who read this, or hear it read, that they may take it to heart, act according to it, and be eternally saved.

First and Second Letters of Joris Wippe of Dortrecht to his wife while he was in prison.

(Pp. 585-86, Martyrs' Mirror).

... let your modesty and obedience, and your love to God, be an example and pattern to all our dear obedient children, whom the holy Lord had given us, to the praise and glory of His Father. And use diligence in teaching and admonishing them; and chastise them, lest the Lord requires them at your hands. Do your very best, so that I may see you all again at the resurrection of the just. Luke 14:14.

Third Letter of Joris Wippe to his children, 1558. (P. 587, Martyrs' Mirror).

... And I admonish you with Tobias, that you will fear God all the days of your life, never consent to sin, nor transgress God's commandments; and that you will eat your bread with the hungry, and give alms of that which the Lord gives you. In short, I give you the same testament which Tobias gave his son; you are able to read. I pray that you will often read it. And all that our holy fathers commanded their children, I also leave unto you; may you diligently observe it. And I now bless you all my obedient, most dearly beloved children, with that God whom Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all God's chosen friends, blessed their children. Further, I admonish you Joos, as my eldest son, that you and Hansken, my second son, will be the protectors of your poor mother, in the fear of God, all the days of your life. And I also charge you, Barbergen, my dear daughter, to be obedient to your mother, and to help care for all your little sisters, and for Pierken. Learn also to read, and be diligent in every good work, that you may spend your life in holiness and in all the fear of God, like Sarah, the wife of young Tobias (Tobit 3:15), and associate not with the wanton and frivolous daughters of this world, whose end will be destruction; but be sober, honorable and just in all your dealings, so that you may be prudent, being adorned with every virtue, and that when Christ our Bridegroom comes you may be ready with the five wise virgins, to enter with the Bridegroom into the kingdom of His Father. And now I charge you, Joos and Hansken, that together with Barbertgen, your obedient sister, you will care for your three little sisters, and for Pierken, and teach them to read and to work, so that they may grow up in all righteousness, to the honor of God and the salvation of their souls. Be diligent to work with your hands that which is honorable, remembering the words of the apostle: "It is more blessed to give than to receive," so that you may not be burdensome to any through idleness. Eph. 4:28; Acts 20:35. Remain with your mother as long as it please the Lord, and in all things show yourselves a pattern of good works. Tit. 2:7

... I admonish you all, my dear children, that you will do this; and comfort your mother, and often when you have time, read to her a chapter or two. And spend the time which God gives you, in all sobriety and righteousness, with prayer and supplication to god, that He would keep you from the evil. Have no fellowship with the children of this world, that you may not become partakers of their evil deeds; always walk with wise men, and you shall become wise, namely, strong and very bold, so that you may eschew evil.

Our Senior Members, Stuarts Draft Church, Stuarts Draft, Virginia

May 12, 1879 - John B. Yoder
Dec. 19, 1881 - Sarah Yoder
July 1, 1889 - Jake Stutzman
March 17, 1885 - Lydianne Stutzman
May 26, 1887 - Ed Mast

all of Stuarts Draft, Va.

Aug. 16, 1889 - Noah Mast, Stuarts Draft, Va.
Mar. 17, 1885 - Peter J. Kinsinger
Apr. 14, 1887 - Mrs. Gid Byler
both of Staunton, Virginia

Note: We would like to have additional names of folks who were born in or before 1890.

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and kitchen were spread upon the family table and what they could not eat they destroyed; then, binding the old man, hand-and-foot, they prepared to leave. The ringleader, who afterward proved to be Charles Lewis of McClellandtown fame gave Mr. Stevannus a chew of tobacco, and wound his watch for him. From the house they went to Mr. Yoder's barn and took a span of fine gray horses which Mr. Yoder prized very highly and rode away at break-neck speed.

There is no telling how long the members of the Yoder household would have been left in their pitiable plight had it not been for the anxiety of a faithful wife. Mr. Stevannus usually took his supper at Yoder's house, but nearly always reached his home at 9 o'clock. Mrs. Stevannus waited patiently that evening for her husband's return, but when the clock struck eleven she sent her two sons to Yoder's house to inquire for their father. They found the members of the Yoder household in the same condition as they were left by the robbers.

The work of releasing the helpless victims was speedily done. Word was sent to Summit Mills, a village within a mile of the Yoder residence, and to the neighbors living in surrounding farms. A large posse of armed men on horseback started from Summit Mills before day-break in pursuit of the gang; but the robbers, who left at least four hours before on the backs of Mr. Yoder's well-fed horses, had too long a start. Near Pinkerton, on the western slope of Negro Mountains, the jaded animals were recovered, but not the thieves.

An Amusing Escapade

Under date of Tuesday, April 16, 1889, Mr. W. W. Hartzell wrote, rather facetiously, the following to the "Myersdale Commercial" from Confluence:

Yesterday afternoon, near John Ringler's; about one and a-half miles from here, a daring incident occurred, but before giving account of it I will anticipate.

On Sunday a telegram was received here telling of a brutal robbery of C. Yoder near Summit Mills. Later the same day information was received that the robbers were traced to near Pinkerton, where the horses of C. Yoder were abandoned. It seemed impossible to trace the scoundrels any farther.

However, on the following morning (Monday) near Walker's Mill, Alex Coughenour missed one of his horses from his stable and immediately started in pursuit, tracing him through Addison and Somerfield to a point near Markleysburg, Fayette county, where he recovered his horse, the thief or thieves having left the horse for safer quarters in their native mountain retreat. This depredation is supposed to have been done by part of the gang who robbed C. Yoder.

Just half a mile from Coughenour's at William Hanna's barn, on the same morning, two men were discovered in the hay mow and Mr. Hanna demanded explanation with a double barreled shot-gun. But the plausible story of their going to Confluence to get work on the new railroad caused Hanna to release them. Arriving in Confluence they casually visited all the stores, pricing, but not purchasing, goods. They were carrying a sack of considerable size. In the afternoon they started toward Somerfield, and had proceeded to near John Hanna's at the old Joe Bowlin farm, on a steep hill-side road, where William Hanna, John Hanna and Ross F. Augustine arrested the suspects. Just here came along John A. Walker on horseback and Andrew Flannigan leading a steer, and they were requested to help take the "suspects" to Confluence, and consented. The party started, and, after getting to the forks of the road at John Hanna's, William Hanna left the party to go the near road home, depending on the remaining men to bring them to Confluence. Near John Ringler's the large man, who was on the buckboard with Ross F. Augustine, took advantage of circumstances, and placing a revolver in Augustine's face, made him leap from his wagon, climb the fence and scamper down through the meadow. And, as John Hanna had the other suspect on the horse behind him, they were soon on the ground in a terrible struggle, the suspect outdoing Hanna. Flannigan and Walker, who were driving up the steer, seeing Ross Augustine running down the meadow, imagined something unusual had occurred, and just then Augustine called to them to hurry up, when Walker put his horse to a gallop and came up quickly to the contesting parties, when the suspect who made Augustine run, coolly pointed his revolver at Walker, made him dismount, climb the fence, and follow Augustine down the meadow; and then, by the potent persuasion of fire-arms, both suspects mounted, one on the horse of John A. Walker, and the other on the horse of John Hanna, and flourishing four revolvers, they demanded the road of Flannigan, who was coming up with the steer. Flannigan was powerless to arrest their flight in the face of four revolvers. They galloped the horses about two and a-half miles toward Somerfield, and, seeing A. Weakland and son coming toward them on horseback, they abandoned the horses and took to the woods.

As soon as Ross Augustine and John A. Walker could get horses they followed fast in pursuit, and at the point where the suspects left the horses they were only a few minutes late.

In the bag they had several nice hams, sausage, a gallon demijohn with whiskey, two sugar bricks, chestnuts, etc., supposed to be the property of C. Yoder. . . .A large posse is in pursuit.

While it was a great mistake on the part of Messrs. Hanna, Augustine and Walker that they did not search their prisoners before starting towards Confluence with them, it must be remembered that probably none of them ever did any police service before. Mr. Augustine had \$2,500 on his person that day, of which the desperado Lewis, whom he had undertaken to

convey to jail, presumably had no knowledge. The man who got away from Mr. John Hannah was Decatur Tasker, a young man of extraordinary physical power.

The neighborhood surrounding the village of Summit Mills is one of the wealthiest farming communities in Somerset county. The people of the neighborhood are mostly members of the German Baptist or Brethren church, with a considerable sprinkling of the yet more conservative Amish persuasion. Their religious teachings are opposed to the taking up of arms, even in defense of life itself. But the brutal torture and robbery of old Mr. Yoder produced a sensation throughout the southern section of the county that was well calculated to make men forget their religious scruples against the maintenance of law and order at any cost. Never since the dusky savage had taken his last farewell from the fertile valley of the Elk Lick had such a bold atrocity been committed in that quiet, law-abiding community.

An organization was formed in which Mr. U. M. Miller and Mr. Lewis A. Kretchman were the leading spirits. It was a secret organization; but the wealthy farmers of the neighborhood contributed liberally into its treasury. From the moment that organization began its existence the fate of the McClellandtown organization in Fayette county was determined. Like a true prophet, the editor of the Connellsville Curier, referring to the operations of the outlaws at Yoder's wrote:

"They are now heard from over the mountains in Somerset county. In crossing this Rubicon, they did not perhaps calculate the danger to which they rendered themselves liable. The record of the Somerset county people in the Umberger case indicates that they are not to be trifled with. Among the Frosty Sons of Thunder, the apprehension of criminals is regarded as the patriotic duty of every good citizen and not exclusively of the law. This feeling stirred up the countryside and resulted in the prompt arrest of Collins Hamilton and the Nicely brothers. This feeling makes Somerset county dangerous ground for the Fayette gang. Whether Fayette will ever become dangerous ground for them depends upon the people themselves as well as upon the county authorities."

The work of organizing a posse of men to invade the stronghold of the desperados in Fayette county was given into the hands of ex-Sheriff Kyle, of Meyersdale. At Confluence Dr. B. A. Fichtner was entrusted with the important work of reconnoitering the country about McClellandtown, and so well did the Doctor do his part that the promoters of the movement were each day informed by mail or telegraph of the whereabouts of the Fayette bandits.

On Saturday, April 27, a telegram from Dr. Fichtner conveyed the information to Mr. Kyle that the gang had come home and would remain at home over Sunday. Accordingly on Sunday morning Mr. Kyle boarded the west-bound 3 A. M. train with his posse of brave men, composed of the following: Peter Albright, Nicholas Murphy, J. J. Holzbau, John Wagner, Thomas Reese, Geo. R. Witt, Samuel Firl, U. S. Firl, J. M. Kretchman, Amos Lindeman, James Leckenby, Herbert Leckenby, A. Herring, J. H. Lowery, Alvin Lowery, Charles Garletz, and Albert Lybarger. The men took breakfast at Confluence, where they were joined by Dr. Fichtner, Lloyd Show, Jacob Show, John Stanton, and Fred Yagley. After breakfast the party proceeded in wagons in the direction of Markleysburg, Fayette county. It was after the dinner hour when the posse under the command of Messrs Kyle and Fichtner, reached Markleysburg, and the citizens of the town kindly offered to feed them. This generous invitation was accepted, but Messrs. Kyle and Fichtner placed a guard around the village to prevent the news of their arrival in Markleysburg from reaching the headquarters of the gang. This subsequently proved a valuable precaution.

After dinner Messrs. Kyle and Fichtner held a consultation with Justice Markley, Mr. Hiram Umble and Doctor Sweitzer, of Markleysburg, in an undertaker's shop, where the plan of capture was adopted. It was known that the rendezvous of the McClellandtown gang was at the home of William Hill, located in a lonesome woodland near the road leading from Markleysburg to McClellandtown, but there were three houses within a radius of a mile which the members of the gang were known to frequent.

The men, nearly all of whom were armed with Winchester repeating rifles, were divided into four squads, with Constables Albright, Holtzshu and Murphy each at the head of one squad, while Messrs. Kyle and Fichtner led the squad that was to make the descent on the Hill mansion. A squad was sent to surround each of the other two houses, and the fourth was to march to the corner of the three States--Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia to intercept any retreat in that direction.

The following graphic account of the capture was given in the "Somerset Herald," dated May 1, 1889:

Charles Lewis, the leader of the gang, was supposed to be staying in the "Hill House." It was from this house that the cut-throats made their escape some weeks ago when a party of Fayette county officials attempted their capture.

The house is built of logs and is weatherboarded. It is one and a-half stories high and faces on the Brandonville road. W. B. Hill, commonly known as "Bill Hill," one of the most reckless members of the company of desperadoes, is the proprietor, and it is here that the gang are wont to bring their booty and to flee for refuge when pursued by officers of the law.

Dismounting and tying their horses to trees about a half mile distant, Mr. Kyle and his party proceeded to surround and close in upon the house. At the near approach of the party a fox-hound owned by Hill set up a dismal howl, which brought the mistress of the house to the door. After looking carefully around Mrs. Hill retired within doors, and in a few seconds returned with her husband, W. B. Hill.

As the couple stepped out of their domicile they were ordered to throw up their hands, and they were allowed to look down the barrels of several Winchester rifles by way of incident. They lost no time in elevating their hands, and one of the attacking party stepped upon the porch and placed a pair of iron bracelets upon Hill's wrists. Mrs. Hill was also placed under arrest while this was being done. While the Hills were being cared for three men appeared at one of the windows of the second floor with the intent of jumping out. But, fortunately, they looked before they jumped and the stalwart form of Peter Albright, pointing a repeating rifle in their direction, met their gaze and deterred them from taking their rash leap. Then they dashed to the window on the other side of the attic, but the sight of several Winchesters in the hands of determined-looking men gave them no encouragement to make their exit from that quarter.

Dr. Fichtner, who was standing on the porch, called to the men to come out and surrender. The reply was, "No, . . . ; we will fight till we die." Sheriff Kyle then ordered his men to break in the door. At this Mrs. Hill called out: "My God I hope you are not going to try to break into that house; if you do, you are dead men." She then called to the inmates of the house to come out, and begged them not to show fight. After some parleying she persuaded the men to come down from the attic.

Mrs. Hill continued to beseech the robbers to surrender, and they finally concluded that discretion was the better part of valor, and that, as escape seemed impossible, they would act upon Madam Hill's advice. Charles James Lewis, the leader of the gang, stepped out upon the porch with a revolver in his hand and said: "Come in, gentlemen; walk in," "Up with your hands," cried Hiram Umble, leveling his Winchester on the robber leader, and the doughty Lewis, the celebrated leader, the notorious highwayman, the daring robber, the fearless bandit, the dauntless captain of the famous "McClellandtown Gang," threw up his hands and quietly submitted to having a pair of hand-cuffs placed upon his hands.

Seeing that their redoubtable leader was at last a prisoner, the two other members of the gang present, Decatur Tasker and Jack Sullivan, decided to surrender and quietly marched out of the house and submitted to their captors.

A party was detached to take the three prisoners to Markleysburg, while the balance of the squad proceeded to search the house. In the house were two young females who gave their names as Lou Teat and Nettie Sullivan. They denied that there were any stolen goods or firearms in the house, but a search showed that they were mistaken. A double-barreled shell gun, loaded, was found lying by one of the attic windows and two 38-calibre Smyth & Wesson revolvers were found in the woodbox behind the stove. A silver mounted 38-calibre Smith & Wesson revolver was taken from the person of Mrs. Hill. Louisa Teat and Nettie Sullivan were placed under arrest and forwarded to Markleysburg.

The squad who surrounded the Thomas house near the State Line came in with two members of the gang, Marshall Sullivan and Jere Thomas. On their way to Markleysburg they met a young man by the name of Anderson and at once took him into custody. Young Anderson was a regular walking arsonal. He was fairly loaded down with a brace of revolvers, a dirk-knife, handy billy and a pair of steel knuckles. He was equipped for business, but submitted to arrest without resistance.

The prisoners now numbered ten and it became necessary for Captain Kyle to press several teams into service to convey them to Confluence. The rain had been pouring down all day and the country roads were in an almost impassable condition. It was five o'clock when the party left Markleysburg and it was long after night when they reached Confluence, where they took the B. & O. express for Meyersdale, arriving there at 2:24 Monday morning.

A hearing was given the prisoners at Meyersdale. Charles Lewis and Jackson Sullivan waved a hearing. Justice W. B. Cook committed the entire band to the county jail, where they were taken the following day.

The news of the capture had spread over the county in an almost incredibly short time, and large crowds of people gathered at every station along the railroad from Meyersdale to Somerset. The arrival of the prisoners at the County Seat and their march to the county jail was one of the most exciting scenes ever witnessed in Somerset. As the last prisoner entered the jail corridor a mighty cheer went up from the immense crowd on the outside.

The entire McClellandtown party were given a hearing before Judge Baer on May 10, 1889. After the hearing Judge Baer said: "There are such circumstances surrounding this case that we will remand all the men and discharge all the women." Their trial came up at the regular May term of court; and, although Messrs. Holbert and Uhl made a very able defence for the prisoners, Charles J. Lewis, Decatur Tasker, Jackson Sullivan and Marshall Sullivan were convicted on May 30th.

Mr. Holbert made a motion for a new trial but the Court overruled the motion and sentenced the prisoners to ten years' separate and solitary confinement in the Western Penitentiary.

Community Notes, Arthur Illinois

On August 27, 1970, Elmer, 3, son of Joas A. and Barbara M. (Schrock) Herschberger fell off the hay cart and broke his left arm at the wrist.

The week of August 24, 1970, Wilmer, 11, son of Perry and Fannie (Herschberger) Hostetler was riding a pony and it fell and broke Wilmer's leg at the ankle.

On Aug. 13, Samuel Kaufman was taken to St. Mary's hospital, Decatur, was bleeding at the nose. He received 2 pints of blood, returned home again August 20.

THE ROBBERY OF CHRISTIAN YODER BY THE MCCLELLANDTOWN GANG, 1889

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For some years Fayette County was over run by an organized gang of marauders known as the "McClellandtown Gang." Fayette county was not, however, their exclusive field of operation. There is little doubt that the robberies committed in the northern part of Somerset county in 1887 and 1888 were the work of this gang. Other Pennsylvania counties and the border counties of Maryland and West Virginia were frequently visited by these desperate villians, and their many misdeeds, if fully cronicled, would fill a good sized volume. All attempts on the part of the authorities of Fayette county to arrest the gang proved unsuccessful, although the newspapers were frequently filled with accounts of the outrages they had committed on old women and old men whom they tortured to the point of giving up their savings of a lifetime. The Fayette authorities were intimidated with threatenings from the gang, and they feared the vengeance of the desperadoes, so that finally all hopes of putting down the gang were abandoned.

The capture of this notorious gang on Sunday, April 28, 1889, by an armed body of brave men led by ex-Sheriff Kyle, of Meyersdale, was one of the most brilliant feats on record--an act that deserves to be embalmed forever in local history.

On the evening of April 13, 1889, the house of Christian Yoder, a wealthy old resident of Elk Lick township, was entered by four masked men, who bound and gagged the hired man, Samuel Stevannus, and all the members of the household except Mrs. Yoder, who was in feeble health. The leader of the gang told Mr. Yoder that they had come for his money; and that they would take his life if they failed to get it. Mr. Yoder directed them to a bureau drawer in an adjoining room, where he said, they would find all the money there was in the house. Here they found \$400, which they counted and told Mr. Yoder they wanted all the money he had. He assured them that that was all the money he had at home, but they did not believe him, and started to make a thorough search of the house. In a trunk was found fifty dollars belonging to Mrs. Yoder and eighty-six dollars belonging to Miss Ellen Baker, the hired girl.

In spite of Mr. Yoder's repeated assurances that they had got all his money the cowardly scoundrels did not believe him and dragged the feeble old man out of the house, across the yard into the barn where they started a fire on the threshing floor and told Mr. Yoder they would burn down his barn if he still refused to tell them where the rest of his money was concealed. Mr. Yoder again protested that he had no more money, when one of the gang produced a rope and fastened it around the neck of the defenseless old man, remarking as he drew up the noose, "The old man has lived long enough anyhow--hang him up, boys." The other end of the rope was thrown across an over-head beam and, pulled by the strong arms of two of the gang, the old man's form was soon dangling in the air, six feet from the floor. When in a few minutes his breathing became labored they lowered their half-dead victim to the floor and again demanded that he tell them where his money was hidden, but he again demied that he had any more money about his home. At the command of the leader of the gang Mr. Yoder was a

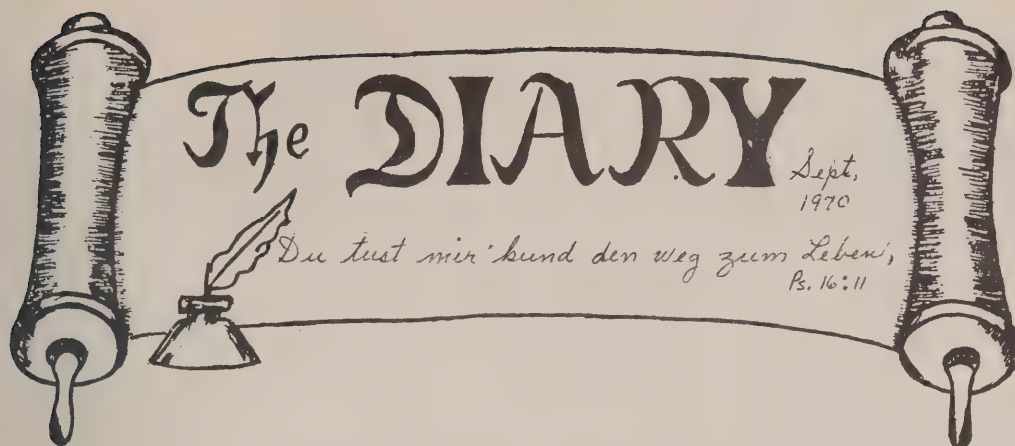
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second time drawn up, and, not content with the atrocities they had inflicted on their aged victim, these devils of torture, who had all the while kept a close watch over the fire they had kindled with diabolical design, collected the burning hay and straw and placed it under the feet of the old man, now almost lifeless. He was held suspended over the fire in the midst of a suffocating smoke, while the cruel flames blistered his hands and scorched his garments. The old man was again lowered and the flames were extinguished, but they found the victim of their barbarous cruelties to be unconscious and unable to longer plead for his life and protest that he had no more money to give them.

When Mr. Yoder regained consciousness he was lying on the kitchen floor. Standing over him were two of the gang--one with a revolver pressed against his forehead, and the other brandishing a long dirk-knife over him as if in the act of cutting the old man's throat. "Tell us where your money is or we will kill you for sure this time," said the man with the dirk-knife. Mr. Yoder could only repeat his oft reiterated protests that he had no more money to give them.

While the man with the revolver and the man with the dirk-knife were inflicting the last round of fiendish torture upon the old man the other two members of the gang ransacked the house from cellar to garrett in search for anything of value they might be able to find. They found small quantities of whisky and wine, some hams, some sugar and some articles of clothing which they appropriated. "Bring up the grub, boys," shouted the ringleader. Bread, pies, meat and all the delicacies to be found in the cellar

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IOWA MAN KILLED IN TRACTOR ACCIDENT

Chester J. Ropp, of Johnson County, Iowa, aged 36 yr. and 4 days was killed by a tractor accident on September 18th. The tractor overturned in the ditch beside the road, pinning him underneath. He had been pulling High Line poles out of the ditch. He was the father of 5 children, aged from 3 to 12 years old. His wife, Annie is the daughter of Noah M. and the late Lena (Hochstetler) Yoder. He is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Ropp and 4 brothers and 5 sisters: Ezra of Middlebury, Ind.; Jacob of Kalona; Cecil of Spring City, Pa. (in I-W) and Virgil at home; Ruby, wife of Harvey Yoder; Emma, wife of Orin Miller; Vera, wife of Joe Mast; Frieda, wife of Vernon Miller; and Nancy at home, all of Kalona. Also surviving are a grandmother, Mrs. Jacob D. Bontrager of Goeshen, Ind. and a number of uncles and aunts. Funeral services were conducted at a neighbor's, David E. Benders in 2 large sheds by Bishop Levi Schrock, Pre. Ernest Yoder of Middlebury, Ind. and Sam Mast, and by Bishop Glen Bender and Pre. Menno Yoder of James port, Mo. Around 700 people attended the funeral, the body was laid to rest in the Peter Miller Cemetery.

WAYNE CO. OHIO YOUTH DIED OF GUNSHOT WOUND

Joe J. Hershberger, 15, of Navarre R3, died Wednesday, September 9 as a result of a gunshot wound received while hunting on the family farm with his two brothers, Jacob, 19, and Andy, 16. The brothers had but one old shotgun between them, and while Jacob was holding the gun, the safety slipped and the gun fired, hitting Joe in the lower abdomen. He was born near Mt. Eaton a son of Jacob and Edna Hershberger. Funeral services were held by Eli Hershberger; Burial was in the Hershberger Cemetery.

ARTHUR, ILLINOIS FIRES

On Saturday, September 26, around 5 p.m. one of the daughter of Jonas Planks was filling a gasoline lantern. When done filling she turned the cap on the lantern but dropped the glass jug which contained about 1 quart of gas. A nearby gas water heater ignited the gas and the heat and flames came up through the door into the room. A young man, a stranger from Mattoon, was passing by in a car. He turned around and went back to help. He wrapped a wet towel around his head and with the hose from the pressure system went in and put out the fire before the fire truck arrived. Some damage was done such as burning the papered wall and curtains.

Mrs. Jonas J. Schrock (Amanda) had the misfortune of getting her clothing on fire. While heating the wash water, a gasoline can had been left inside which caused fumes. Her clothes caught fire causing burns. The fire was put out before the wash house caught fire.

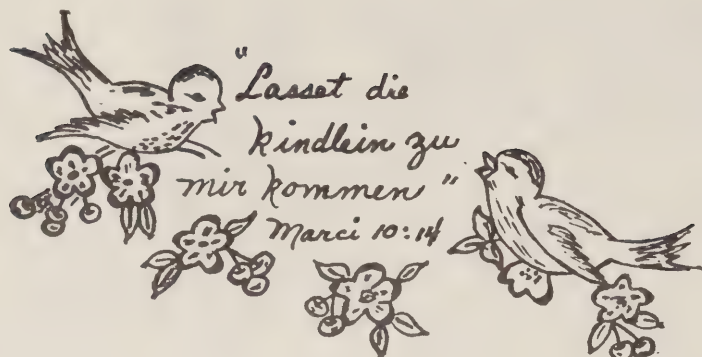
NEW HOLLAND, PA. MAN HURT IN FALL

Amos M. Stoltzfus, aged 60 of New Holland R1, Pa. fell from the ensilage cutter to the ground striking his head on the concrete foundation of the silo. He was taken to General Hospital in Lancaster and was in constant care a few days with a fractured skull and concussion.

KINZERS R1, PA. DAIRY BARN BURNED

A large dairy barn on the Sam Zook property, Kinzers R1, tenanted by his son Henry, was destroyed about 6:40 p.m. Thursday, October 1. Lost in the blaze, in addition to the barn and some equipment, were three calves and 400 to 500 chickens. Hot hay was the cause for the blaze. Firemen saved several buildings near the barn, including tobacco and wagon sheds. The tobacco shed was located within 40 feet, while the house was 70 to 75 feet from the fire.

Let us remember our bereaved ones in prayer



BIRTHS

Johnson County, Iowa
 Bontrager, Vernon (Alta Hershberger) a son TITUS, September 19
 Hershberger, Isaac (Mary Edna Yoder) a son, September 10
 Mast, Daniel C. (Verna Mast) a daughter ROSANNA, September 10
 Buchanan County, Iowa
 Detweiler, Allen (Mattie Raber) Hazleton, a son FREEMAN, August 13
 Hershberger, Noah (Susie Yoder) Fairbank, a son, September

Arthur, Illinois

Herschberger, Christian C. (Fannie Kaufman) a daughter AMANDA, September 26
 Miller, Melvin M. (Clara S. Kaufman) Tuscola, a son PAUL, September 2
 Otto, John E. (Barbara S. Beachey) Arthur, a son, September 23
 Stutzman, John M. (Martha Yoder) Arthur, a son PAUL JOSEPH, September 24
 Yoder, Eli J. (Rose Mary Plank) Arthur, a daughter MARY, September 24

Adams County, Indiana

Eicher, Amos N. (Sara E. Schwartz) Geneva R2, a daughter ELIZABETH, August 28
 Schwartz, Dan (Leah Wickey) Bryant R1, a daughter MARY, August 3
 Schwartz, Jake T. (Rosie B. Schwartz) Monroe R1, a son CHRIST, August 12
 Schwartz, Reuben (Mary Eicher) Monroe R1, a son MAHLON, August 27
 Schwartzentruber, Toby (Lovina Graber) Geneva R1, a daughter EMMA, August 27
 Wickey, Martin (Emma Schwartz) Monroe R1, a daughter MANDY, September 12
 Zehr, Joe (Lucy Schwartz) Berne R1, a son REUBEN, September 4

LaGrange County, Indiana

Bontrager, Daniel (Lizzie Otto) LaGrange R4, a daughter RUTH D., August 24
 Bontrager, Elva (Freda Schrock) LaGrange R1, a son ERVIN E., August 28
 Bontrager, Ezra (Rosa Yoder) Topeka R2, a son ALLEN E., September 16
 Bontrager, Glen (Lydia Mast) LaGrange R4, a son DANIEL G., September 24
 Bontrager, Orla (Sally Miller) Topeka R2, a son WAYNE O., August 30
 Eash, Ervin E. (Mary Etta Hostetler) a daughter LEE ETTA, August 30
 Graber, Henry (Mary Yoder) LaGrange R4, a son ALVIN H., August 29
 Hochstetler, Chrity (LeAnna Miller) Topeka R2, a son DELMAR C., September 27
 Hochstetler, Harley (Elizabeth Miller) LaGrange R1, a daughter LEANNA, September 10
 Kramer, Lester (Freeda Yoder) LaGrange R4, a son REUBEN JAY, September 27
 Lambright, Harvey A. (Fannie Yoder) Topeka R2, a son PHILIP H., September 5
 Lambright, LeRoy (Anna Schlabach) Topeka R2, a son RICHARD LEE, September 23
 Mast, Mervin (Fannie Miller) Topeka R2, a daughter NEVA M., September 25
 Miller, Enos R. (Sadie Kuhns) Goshen, a son ERVIN, August 10
 Miller, Ervin (Rosa Miller) Topeka R2, a son CHRIS E., September 20
 Miller, Floyd (Anna Mae Yoder) LaGrange R4, a daughter WILMA JEAN, September 12
 Miller, Harvey (Susie Miller) Ligonier R3, a daughter WILMA IRENE, September 1
 Miller, Jonas (Ida Fry) LaGrange R1, a son PERRY J., August 25
 Miller, Maynard (Barbare Wickey) Topeka R2, a son FARON, September 16
 Miller, Ora W. (Mary Hochstetler) LaGrange R4, a daughter NAOMI SUE, September 22
 Miller, Vernon (Elsie Hostetler) LaGrange R4, a son JONATHAN V., September 17
 Yoder, Perry W. (Verda Schrock) Goshen R4, Box 270, a son LAVON, August 25

Daviess County, Indiana

Eicher, Willis (Barbara Ann Graber) a daughter NINA, September 12
 Graber, David (Rosanna Yoder) a daughter MARTHA ANN, September 22
 Graber, Paul (Catherine Wagler) a son DANIEL, September 5
 Graber, William (Susie Wagler) a son MELVIN, September 9
 Swartzentruber, Cleadus (Clara Stoll) a son MARVIN DALE, September 17
 Wagler, Herman (Pauline Knepp) a son LARRY WAYNE, September 9
 Wagler, Leonard (Alta Marie Knepp) a son PHILLIP LEON, September 7

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Holmes County, Ohio

Bontrager, Mr. and Mrs. William C., Millersburg, Star Route, a daughter MARIETTA, August 31
 Coblentz, Mr. and Mrs. John, Millersburg Star Route, a daughter, September 20
 Chupp, Mr. and Mrs. Noah, Sugarcreek R1, a daughter, September 27
 Hershberger, Mr. and Mrs. Eli S., Fredericksburg R2, a son NORMAN, August 29
 Keim, Mr. and Mrs. William, Wilmot, Stat Route, a daughter
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Eli J., Apple Creek R1, a son, September 12
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel J., Dundee R1, a son PAUL, September 4
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John E., Baltic, a daughter, September 22
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas J., Fredericksburg, a daughter, September 16
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe, Fredericksburg R1, a daughter, September 27
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Pete M., Fredericksburg R2, a daughter, September 4
 Raber, Mr. and Mrs. Eli A., Fredericksburg R2, a daughter, September 4
 Raber, Mr. and Mrs. John Jr., Millersburg R3, a son, September 11
 Shetler, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob E., Fredericksburg R1, a daughter, September 18
 Shetler, Mr. and Mrs. Marion, Sugarcreek R2, a son, August 29
 Troyer, Mr. and Mrs. John D., Fredericksburg R2, a son, August 31
 Troyer, Mr. and Mrs. Levi E., Orrville, a son
 Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe H., Fredericksburg, a daughter ELLEN SUE, September 14
 Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Roman, Dundee R2, a daughter, September 28
 Wengerd, Mr. and Mrs. Eli E., Dundee R1, a daughter, September 15
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Aden, Millersburg R5, a son, September 2
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Andy D., Holmesville, a daughter, September 19
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Ben J., Baltic, a son, September 18
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel A., Baltic R1, a daughter, September 28

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Kinsinger, David (Amanda Summy) a daughter SADIE, September 9
 Kinsinger Henry R. (Cora Brenneman) a daughter ANNIE, September 15

St. Mary's and Charles Counties, Maryland

Beiler, Daniel (Mary Stoltzfus) Charlotte Hall, a daughter SALINA, September 16
 Hertzler, Sam S. (Hannah Hertzler) Mechanicsville, a son ISAAC, September 3
 Stoltzfus, Stephen (Sadie Kurtz) Mechanicsville, a son JOSEPH, September 26

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Allgyer, Aaron E. (Linda King) Gordonville R1, a son DAVID, September 4
 Beiler, Jonas M. (Rebecca S. Stoltzfus) Strasburg R1, a daughter FANNIE S., September 6
 Esch, Leroy S. (Rebecca K. Miller) Paradise R1, a son, September 15
 Esh, Aaron K. (Sylvia Lapp) Quarryville R3, a son JACOB L., September 11
 Esh, Aaron S. (Lizzie Stoltzfus) Quarryville R2, a son EPHRAIM S., September 19
 Esh, Benjamin K. (Katie S. Kauffman) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son ISAAC K., September 15
 Esh, John K., (Annie Kauffman) Ronks R1, a son ELMER K., September 20
 Esh, Levi F., (Fannie King) Kinzers R1, a daughter ELIZABETH, September 12
 Fisher, Abraham K. (Lydia Zook) Ronks R1, a daughter BARBARA L., September 20
 Glick, Amos K., (Lizzie B. Fisher) Quarryville R3, a daughter ELIZABETH F., September 20
 King, Benjamin L. (Katie Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, twins, LYDIA ANN & a STILLBORN SON, Sept. 25
 King, Daniel K. (Annie Stoltzfus) Ephrata R2, a son DAVID S., September 12
 King, David S. (Annie Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son DAVID M., September 27
 King, Elam E. (Sadie King) Gordonville R1, a son JACOB, September 8
 King, Emanuel B. (Sarah Zook) Kirkwood R1, a son BENJAMIN Z., September 23
 King, Enos S. (Lavina S. Esch) 10 Stoltzfus Lane, Leola, a son MELVIN, September 6
 King, Jonathan Z. (Fannie Beiler) 262 Strasburg Pike, Lancaster, a son BENJAMIN, Sept. 7
 Lantz, Daniel B. (Aary Ann Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a son DANIEL B. Jr., September 30
 Lapp, Aaron S. (Sarah Lapp) 172 Yost Rd., Gordonville R1, a son, September 18
 Lapp, Joseph L. (Katie S. Glick) Paradise R1, a daughter KATIE G., September 10
 Petersheim, Benuel L. (Rebecca Riehl) 99 Zook Lane, Lancaster, a son AARON R., September 9
 Riehl, David E. (Emma Stoltzfus) Narvon R1, a son JOSHUA S., September 5
 Riehl, John F. (Lydia Stoltzfus) New Providence R1, a daughter LINDA S., September 20
 Smucker, David S. (Susie S. Stoltzfus) New Holland R2, a daughter LENA S., September 27
 Stoltzfus, Amos E. (Mattie Beiler) Lynnwood Rd., Ronks R1, a daughter MARTHA, September 9
 Stoltzfus, Benjamin K. (Anna Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter LINDA ANN, September 24
 Stoltzfus, Benjamin S. (Annie L. Stoltzfus) Paradise R1, a son SAMUEL ISAAC, September 22
 Stoltzfus, Benuel S. (Barbara Beiler) Kinzers R1, a daughter KATIE MAE, August 31
 Stoltzfus, Christian K. (Katie Stoltzfus) Leola R1, a daughter LINDA S., September 11
 Stoltzfus, Christian S. (Priscilla K. Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R1, a daughter LINDA, Sept. 6
 Stoltzfus, John B. (Lydia Glick) Christiana R1, a son BENUEL G., September 2
 Stoltzfus, John F. (Sylvia Beiler) Paradise R1, a son ISAAC B., September 6
 Stoltzfus, Leroy G. (Salome Lapp) Gap R1, a son STEVEN L., September 9
 Zook, Jacob M. (Annie K. Miller) Paradise R1, a daughter SUSIE ANN, September 21
 Zook, Samuel F. (Emma B. Stoltzfus) Paradise R1, a daughter ANNIE H., September 3

Births (continued)

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Fisher, Elmer (Lydia Kauffman) Spring City, Pa. a son JASON, August 31

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Peachey, Kore E. (Fannie Peachey) Belleville, a son JOSEPH, September 9

Yoder, Menno (Rachel Peachey) Belleville, a son URIE, September 15

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Kauffman, Mike S. (Anna Weaver) a daughter RUTH, August 26

Peachey Sam J. (Susie Troyer) a son ABIE J., September 12

MARRIAGES

Snyder County, Pennsylvania

September 10, Harry, son of Dan J. and Mattie (Beachy) Troyer and Lydia, daughter of Chris and Mary (Troyer) Schwartz, by D. L. Nisly of LeRaysville, Pennsylvania

Holmes County, Ohio

October 3, Abe, son of Mrs. Mose M. Troyer, Fredericksburg and Sarah, daughter of Ivan Hochstetlers

Sam, son of Neal J. Millers, Fredericksburg and Lydia, daughter of Levi N. Hershbergers

October 1, Demas, son of Pre. Crist Schlabach, Orrville and Mary, daughter of Mrs. Henry A. Weaver, Apple Creek R1

Widower Levi M. Beachy, Sugarcreek and Widow Amanda B. Yoder, Millersburg R3

Jonas, son of Elias M. Raber, Baltic and Barbara, daughter of Mrs. Amanda B. Yoder, Millersburg

September 24, Mose E. Barkman, Baltic R2 and Marie J. Raber, Baltic R2

Alvin, son of Monroe Mast, Wilmot and Mary, daughter of Sam E. Mast, Fredericksburg R2

October 1, Andy, son of Henry H. Hershberger, Millersburg R5 and Fannie, daughter of Pre. Perry A. Stutzman, Millersburg R5

LaGrange County, Indiana

August 30, Daniel M. Miller, Shipshewana and Mrs. Alma Stoltzfus, Nappanee

September 3, Abie J. Hostetler, of Missouri and Mary, daughter of Abe D. and Sarah Bontrager

September 3, David Lee, son of Enos and Anna (Bontrager) Miller, LaGrange R4 and SaraEtta, daughter of Arthur and Elizabeth (Frey) Hochstetler, Topeka R2

September 10, Urias Jr., son of Urias and Lizzie (Chupp) Schrock, Topeka R2 and Mary, daughter of William and Malinda (Schwartz) Beechy, LaGrange R4

September 10, Mervin, son of Harold and Elizabeth (Beechy) Miller, Topeka R2 and Mary, daughter of Melvin and Susie (Nissley) Miller, Topeka R2

September 17, Benjamin, son of Levi and Polly (Bontrager) Fry, Topeka R2 and LeAnna, daughter of Daniel E. and Mary (Hostetler) Bontrager, Topeka R1

September 24, Jacob, son of John and Verna Eash, Rome City, and Fannie, daughter of Henry and Emma Graber, Shipshewana R1

September 24, Martin, son of Andrew Yoders, Middlebury and Lizzie Ann, daughter of Mrs. Emanuel (Millie) Miller, LaGrange R1

Adams County, Indiana

August 20, Jonas M., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake E. Schwartz, Berne R2 and Anna G., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Eicher, Berne R1

September 6, Levi K., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan M. Schwartz, Monroe R1 and Rebecca L., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi R. Wickey, Berne R1

Daviess County, Indiana

September 24, John, son of Levi Lambright and Joan, daughter of Jerome Raber by Amzy Miller.

Buchanan County, Iowa

August 15, Mose, son of Feltz Masts, Bowling Green, Mo. and Lizzie, daughter of Joe F. Bontragers, Hazleton, Iowa

August 17, Harvey, son of Andy Kurtz Jr., Fairbank and Clara, daughter of Pre. William W. Millers, Hazleton by Bishop Levi J. Bontrager

Johnson County, Iowa

September 24, Monroe, son of Pre. Clifford and Anna Miller and Frieda, daughter of Pre. Sam and Katie Mast by Bishop Levi S. Schrock

October 1, Simon, son of Pre. Toby and Ruth Miller and Ruby Ann, daughter of Sam and Emma Overholt by Bishop Enos Swartzendruber



BAPTISMS



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Johnson County, Iowa

September 20 at Lester B. Miller home by Truman Miller
Anna Marie, daughter of Edwin J. Millers and Ruth Ann, dau
of Andy C. Helmuths

Buchanan County, Iowa

In Atlee Shetler's church district

Dannie, son of Urie Gingerichs, August 30. Andy, son of
Albert Masts; Levi, son of Bishop Atlee Shetlers; Ida, dau
of Mrs. Emanuel Mullet, by Bishop Abe Bontrager, Sept, 27.

In Bishop Abe Bontrager's church district, August 23
David, son of Mrs. Mattie J. Yoder, Anna, daughter of David
Yoders, by Bishop Atlee Shetler, Fairbank, Iowa

In Bishop Levi J. Bontrager's church district, Sept. 6
Fanny, daughter of Gid Yutzzy; Martha, daughter of Dave Yutzzy

In Bishop John Nisly church district
Amos, son of Deacon Abe J. Yoder; Emma, daughter of Pre. Dan
A. Helmuth by Bishop John Nissly, August 30. Freddie, son
of William E. Bontragers, by Bishop John Nissly, September 27

Arthur, Illinois

Steve Kaufman district, September 6

Omar D. Miller, Wilmer Plank, Levi S. Miller, Andy O. Helmuth,
Marvin Miller, Irene R. Otto, and Martha S. Miller.

September 20

Ida Miller, daughter of Andy I. and Anna (Brenneman) Miller

LaGrange County, Indiana

September 6 in Amos Yoder district

Susie, daughter of Alvin and Barbara (Miller) Beechy

September 13 in Dan Hochstetler district

Paul, son of Wyman and Sarah (Hochstetler) Yoder and Samuel, son of Nathaniel and Lizzie
(Whetstone) Miller

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

August 30 in Upper District by Bishop Bennie A. Yoder

Joe, son of Alvin M. Peachy; Mark, son of Mrs. Amelia Brenneman; Ernest, son of Joe A.
Slabach; Effie, daughter of Pete A. Yoder; Katie, daughter of Elmer S. Yoder; Amanda, dau
of Samuel M. Peachy; Nancy, daughter of Pete E. Yoder.

September 6 in Lower District by Bishop Albert E. Brenneman

Noah D., son of David J. Yoder; Aaron, son of Abe S. Kinsinger; Eli Jr., son of Eli G.
Brenneman; Bennie, son of Amos Zook; Rebecca, daughter of John N. Kinsinger; Sadie, daughter
of Andy Zook

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Sept. 6 in Upper Middle at Pre. Daniel L. Peachey's by Bishop Emanuel K. Peachey

Samuel, son of Abraham Z. Peachy; Henry, son of David S. Kanagy; Katie, daughter of David
J. Peachey

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

September 13 in East District by Isaac H. Zook

Omar, son of Andrew B. and Katie (Yoder) Peachey; Elam, son of Amos S. and Lydia (Stoltzfus)
Fisher; Benjamin, son of Jacob B. and Salome (Zook) Stoltzfus; Benuel, son of Amos S. and
Lydia (Stoltzfus) Fisher; Stephen, son of Amos and the late Leah (Swarey) Esh; Johnny, son
of Isaac H. and Mattie (Lapp) Zook; Mary, daughter of David M. and Salome (King) Lapp; Anna,
daughter of Ammon U. and Sarah (Zook) Fisher; Lydia, daughter of Sarah (King) and the late
Moses L. Lantz; Katie, daughter of Amos S. and Lydia (Stoltzfus) Fisher; Lydia, daughter of
David M. and Salome (King) Lapp; Mary, daughter of Amos Z. and the late Leah (Swarey) Esh

September 20 in West District by Isaac H. Zook

Emanuel, son of Samuel K. and Eva (Stoltzfus) Kauffman; Urie, son of Eli S. and Lizzie
(Peachey) Stoltzfus; Moses, son of Jonas Z. and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Lapp; Aaron, son of John
K. and Rachel (Fisher) Lapp; Amos, son of Reuben G. and Fannie (Zook) Stoltzfus; Rachel,
daughter of Annie (King) and the late Isaac M. Lapp; Mary, daughter of Samuel K. and Eva
(Stoltzfus) Kauffman; Sadie, daughter of Levi Z. and Annie (Glick) Lapp; Fannie, daughter
of Jonas Z. and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Lapp; Sara Ann, daughter of Reuben G. and Fannie (Zook)
Stoltzfus

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Upper Millcreek District - Oregon, September 13 by David K. Blank

Dan, son of Samuel and Rachel (Stoltzfus) King; Jacob, son of Pre. Amos and Malinda (Fisher)
Stoltzfus; Malinda, daughter of Daniel and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Glick; Sadie, daughter of
Elam and Naomi (Stoltzfus) Glick; Susie, daughter of Ezra and Katie (Ebersole) Fisher

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (continued)

West Upper Millcreek, September 20 by David K. Blank

Elam, son of John and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Allgyer; Jacob, son of Bishop David and Malinda (Stoltzfus) Blank; Lizzie, daughter of John and Miriam (Zook) Speicher; Susie, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Beiler) Yoder

Upper Millcreek District - Leola, September 13, by Levi E. Stoltzfus

Aaron, son of Joseph and Susie (Stoltzfus) Glick; Simeon, son of Henry and the late Leah (Glick) Zook; Emma, daughter of Joseph and Susie (Stoltzfus) Glick; Katie, daughter of Jesse and Rebecca (Lapp) Stoltzfus; Annie, daughter of Jonas and Sarah (Stoltzfus) King

Northeast Millcreek District, September 13 by Aaron Esh

Samuel, son of Ephraim and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Esh; Ephraim, son of Ephraim and Rebecca (Esh) Riehl; Elam, son of Elam and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Miller; Jacob, son of Abraham and Hannah (Smoker) Stoltzfus; Mattie and Lizzie, daughters of Moses and Lizzie (Lapp) Beiler; Sarah, daughter of Elam and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Miller; Mattie, daughter of Abraham and Hannah (Smoker) Stoltzfus

Millcreek District - Witmer, September 13 by Enos Beiler

Enos, son of Pre. Daneil and Anna (Beiler) King; Gideon, son of Pre. Amos and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Lydia, daughter of David and Ada (King) King; Katie, daughter of Samuel and Katie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Sadie, daughter of David and Ada (King) King; Sallie, daughter of Pre. Amos and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Emma, daughter of Jacob and Katie (Glick) Speicher

Southeast Millcreek District, September 20 by Aaron Esh

Samuel, son of Samuel and Bertha (Stoltzfoos) Miller; Henry, son of Jacob and Mary (Miller) Beiler; Daniel, son of Mary (King) and the late Levi Stoltzfus; Anna, daughter of Deacon John K. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Mattie, daughter of Mary (King) and the late Levi Stoltzfus; Ruth, daughter of Deacon John K. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Rebecca, daughter of Benjamin and Barbara (Glick) Riehl; Malinda, daughter of David R. and Katie (Zook) King; Katie, daughter of Daniel and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Miller

Lower Millcreek District - Mt. Tabor, September 6 by Jonas S. Lapp

Fannie, daughter of Gideon and Sallie (Zook) Beiler; Sarah, daughter of Christ and Barbara (Beiler) Stoltzfus; Sarah, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Fisher) Smucker

South Groffdale District, September 13 by John L. Stoltzfus

Reuben, son of Elias and Fannie (Blank) Beiler; John, son of Levi and Sarah (Beiler) Stoltzfus; Jesse, son of John and Naomi (Lapp) Beiler; Sarah, daughter of Pre. Stephen and Emma (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Fannie, daughter of Henry and Katie (King) Blank; Sylvia, daughter of Elias and Fannie (Blank) Beiler; Barbara, daughter of Bishop John and Rachel (King) Stoltzfus

North Groffdale District, September 20 by John L. Stoltzfus

Lydia, daughter of John and Barbara (Beiler) Lapp; Susie, daughter of Pre. Amos and Elizabeth (Lapp) Stoltzfus; Rebecca, daughter of Amos and Lavina (Fisher) Huyard; Susie, daughter of Joel and Susie (Petersheim) King; Ruth, daughter of David and Bena (Lapp) Beiler; Lizzie, daughter of Deacon Emanuel and Katie (Esh) Lapp

Conestoga District, September 13 by Aaron Beiler

Moses, son of Annie (Beiler) and the late Daniel Smucker; Samuel, son of Isaac and Mattie (King) Zook; John, son of Amos M. and Leah (Lapp) Stoltzfus; Ephraim, son of Isaac and Mattie (King) Zook; Henry, son of Lydia (Stoltzfus) and the late Daniel Stoltzfus; Reuben, son of Pre. John U. and Rebecca (King) Stoltzfus; Rachel, daughter of Annie (Beiler) and the late Daniel Smucker; Anna, daughter of Amos M. and Leah (Lapp) Stoltzfus; Anna, daughter of Samuel M. and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Miriam, daughter of John and Sadie (Esh) Zook; Mary, daughter of Annie (Beiler) and the late Daniel Smucker; Anna, daughter of Pre. John U. and Rebecca (King) Stoltzfus; Emma, daughter of Christ and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus

North Honey Brook District, September 13 by Elam Kauffman

Daniel and Stephen, sons of David L. and Amanda (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Jonas, son of Jonas and Malinda (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Lydia and Lizzie, daughters of Lizzie (Esh) and the late Jacob S. King; Mamie, daughter of Pre. Daniel L. and Lydia (King) Stoltzfus; Lizzie, daughter of Gideon L. and Naomi (Lapp) Stoltzfus; Rebecca, daughter of Samuel J. and Susie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Rebecca, daughter of Pre. Samuel U. and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Fisher

Lower Pequea District - Spring Garden, September 13 by John F. Glick

William and Sylvan, sons of Stephen and the late Mary (Fisher) Stoltzfus; Abram, son of Christ and Mary (King) Beiler; Amos, son of Amos and Lydia (Petersheim) Lapp; Mary and Ruth, daughters of Jacob and Katie (Fisher) Blank; Sarah, daughter of Amos and Lydia (Petersheim) Lapp; Rebecca, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Stoltzfus) Smucker; Barbara, daughter of Christ and Mary (King) Beiler; Leah, daughter of Gideon and Rebecca (Lapp) Riehl; Barbara, daughter of Joseph and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus

North White Horse District, September 13 by Gideon M. Stoltzfus

Reuben, son of Jacob and Rebecca (King) Smucker; Naomi, daughter of Levi and Lizzie (Beiler) Stoltzfus; Naomi, daughter of Joel and Miriam (Fisher) King

South White Horse District, September 6 by Gideon Stoltzfus

Ephraim, son of Amos and Susie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Amos, son of Annie Stoltzfus; Leroy, son of Mary (Stoltzfus) and the late John Riehl; Lizzie, daughter of Jacob and Annie (Glick) Beiler; Ada, daughter of John and Rebecca (Miller) Lapp; Nancy, daughter of Christ R. and Mary (King) Glick; Ruth, daughter of Stephen and Mary (Glick) Stoltzfus; Anna, daughter of Amos and Susie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Emma, daughter of Amos and Anna (Stoltzfus) Beiler

Baptisms, continued

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (continued)

Middle Pequea District - West Intercourse, September 20 by Jonas S. Lapp

John, son of Daniel L. and Lizzie (Lapp) Fisher; Samuel, son of Stephen and Rebecca (Zook) Beiler; Lydia, daughter of Daniel L. and Lizzie (Lapp) Fisher

Middle Pequea - Belmont, September 6 by Aaron Beiler

Melvin, son of Pre. Aaron and Mary (King) Fisher; John, son of Emanuel and Rebecca (King) Fisher; David, son of Deacon David Z. and Mary (Lapp) Esh; Levi, son of John S. and Hannah (Stoltzfus) Beiler; Gideon, son of Pre. David and Fannie (Smucker) Fisher; Elizabeth, dau of Pre. Samuel and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Fisher; Rebecca, daughter of Christ and Katie (Lapp) King; Mary, daughter of Christ and Fannie (Beiler) Beiler

Upper Pequea District - Gordonville, September 13, by Jonas Lapp

John, son of Pre. Benjamin and Annie (Fisher) Beiler; Amos, son of John M. and Katie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, from Conestoga District; Henry, son of Andrew and Mattie (Lapp) Kinsinger; Sallie, daughter of Pre Benjamin and Annie (Fisher) Beiler; Ida, daughter of Henry and Mary (King) Fisher; Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel and Lizzie (King) Lapp; Anna, daughter of Pre. Benjamin and Annie (Fisher) Beiler; Ruth, daughter of Henry and Mary (King) Fisher; Sadie, daughter of Gideon and Mary (King) Fisher; Sarah, daughter of Pre. Levi and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Fisher

Upper Pequea - Ronks, September 20 by John M. Beiler

Stevie, son of Jacob and Mary (King) Lapp; Elam, son of Pre. Jonas and Mary (King) Beiler; John, son of John Z. and Fannie (Petersheim) Esh; Jonas, son of Pre. Jonas and Mary (King) Beiler; Emanuel, son of Jacob and Mary (King) Lapp; Emanuel, son of Christ P. and Lydia (Lapp) Beiler; Susie, daughter of John Z. and Fannie (Petersheim) Esh; Lizzie, daughter of Jacob and Mary (King) Lapp; Mary, daughter of Pre. Jonas and Mary (King) Beiler; Annie B., daughter of Levi and Barbara (Beiler) Stoltzfus; Sadie, daughter of Pre. Amos and Annie (Esh) Lapp; Emma, daughter of Levi and Mary (Stoltzfus) Fisher

Smyrna District, September 20 by Joel K. Zook

Samuel, son of Pre. Samuel and Lizzie (Fisher) Zook; Reuben, son of Elam and Mary (Beiler) Zook; Anna, daughter of Joel and Rachel (Glick) Zook; Elizabeth, daughter of Sol and Rebecca (Fisher) Stoltzfus; Lizzie, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Kauffman) Lantz

North Georgetown District, September 13, by Amos L. Beiler

Daniel and Christ, sons of John and Emma (King) King; Aaron, son of Elam and Katie (Beiler) Beiler; Lydia, daughter of David and Mary (Lapp) King; Leah, daughter of Christ and Sarah (King) Miller; Mary, daughter of Samuel and Annie (Stoltzfus) Zook; Susie, daughter of Isaac and Mary (King) Petersheim; Annie, daughter of Elam and Katie (Beiler) Beiler; Fannie, dau of Bishop Amos and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Beiler; Ruth, daughter of Christ and Lizzie (Beiler) Fisher; Susie, daughter of Enos and Barbara (Stoltzfus) King; Barbara, daughter of Samuel and Annie (Stoltzfus) Zook

South Georgetown District, September 20, by Amos L. Beiler

Levi, son of Pre. Abner and Hannah (King) Glick; Henry, son of Daniel and Sarah (Stoltzfus) King; Christ, son of Isaac and Savilla (Beiler) King; John, son of Pre. John and Annie (Beiler) Stoltzfus; Levi, son of Pre. Isreal and Nancy (Stoltzfus) Beiler; Stephen, son of Enos Jr. and Rachel (Stoltzfus) King; Rebecca, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Stoltzfus) King; Katie, daughter of Ammon and Sarah (Huyard) King; Sadie, daughter of Isaac and Savilla (Beiler) King

West Ninepoints District, September 13 by Samuel S. Kauffman

John, son of Joseph and Susie (Esh) Kauffman; Jacob, son of Samuel M. and Katie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus; Henry, son of Daniel and Lizzie (Beiler) Yoder; John, son of John L. and Katie (Fisher) Stoltzfus; Bennie, son of Stephen and Rebecca (Kauffman) Stoltzfus; Lizzie, dau of Bishop Samuel and Sarah (Esh) Kauffman; Rebecca and Lydia, daughters of Elam and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Lapp

Beaver Creek District, September 20 by Amos S. Lapp

Lizzie, daughter of John and Arie (Esh) King; Miriam, daughter of Pre. Henry U. and Mattie (Stoltzfus) Fisher; Anna, daughter of Deacon Jonathan and Barbara (Esh) Beiler

South Beaver Creek District - Quarryville, September 13 by Amos S. Lapp

Samuel, son of Amos and Rachel (Fisher) King; Mark, son of Jacob and Katie (Beiler) Beiler; John, son of Joseph and Annie (King) Lapp; Samuel, son of John and Anna Mary (Esch) Beiler; Andrew, son of Jacob and Katie (Beiler) Beiler; Rebecca, daughter of Amos and Rachel (Fisher) King; Lena, daughter of John and Anna Mary (Esch) Beiler; Fannie, daughter of John and Sarah (Fisher) Stoltzfus; Ruth, daughter of Amos and Fannie (Esh) Beiler; Malinda, daughter of John and Sadie (King) Zook

Centre County, Pennsylvania

Amos E. son of Elam K. and Fannie (Ebersol) Beiler, September 20 by Jacob M. Stoltzfus

Daviess County, Indiana

September 27 by Bishop Fred W. Knepp

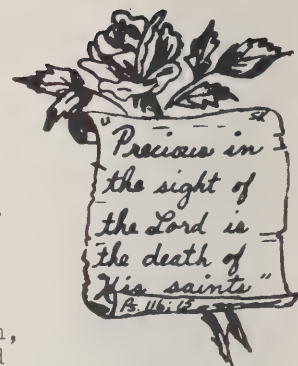
Alvin, son of Fred W. Knepp; Ervin, son of Albert Knepp; Carolyn, daughter of Albert Knepp; Miriam, daughter of Homer Knepp; Darlene, daughter of Alva Knepp; Ada, daughter of John Henry Wagler

Holmes County, Ohio: Ella, dau of Jake D. Millers, in Roman Troyer Church on September 13

OBITUARIES

Beachy, Mrs. Sarah, 71, of Millersburg R5, Ohio

died Monday, September 21 at her home following a long illness. She was born November 21, 1898 in Holmes County to Emanuel J. and Catherine (Troyer) Schrock. She was married to Henry M. Beachy, who died November 27, 1947. She is survived by eight sons, Emanuel of Frederickburg R1; Christ, Andy and Moses, all of Millersburg R5; Henry of Millersburg R3; Sylvanus of Sugarcreek R1; Aden of Sarasota, Florida; and Elmer of Millersburg R4; five daughters, Mrs. Joe (Katie Ann) Miller of Berlin; Mrs. Demas (Clara) Mast of Apple Creek R2; Mrs. Mose (Lizzie Ann) Raber of Baltic R1; Mrs. Roman (Anna) Hershberger of Dundee R1; and Mrs. William (Arie) Keim of Wilmot Star Rt.; four brothers, Andy Schrock of Millersburg Star Rt.; Abe Schrock of Blackville, S.C.; William of Berlin and Emanuel of Ashland R1; eighty-four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A son, six grandchildren, two brothers and a sister died previously. Funeral services were held by Abe N. Miller; Burial in the Beachy Cemetery, Holmes County.



Bender, Naomi, aged 73, of Johnson County, Iowa

died September 27 at Mercy Hospital following a stroke a week earlier. She is survived by 2 sisters, Mrs. John (Katie) R. Swantz and Mrs. Sam (Mary) T. Miller. Her parents, John Benders and a sister, Mrs. Ed Zook preceded her in death. Funeral services were held September 29 at the Lester Swantz home. She had been living alone in Kalona.

King, Infant son of Benjamin and Katie (Stoltzfus) King, Gordonville R1, Pa.

was stillborn September 26 at General Hospital in Lancaster; Graveside services were held by David Stoltzfus at Gordonville Cemetery. Grandparents are Emanuel and Rebecca (Lapp) King and B. John and Lydia (Petersheim) Stoltzfus.

Knepp, Louis W., 45, Montgomery R1, Indiana

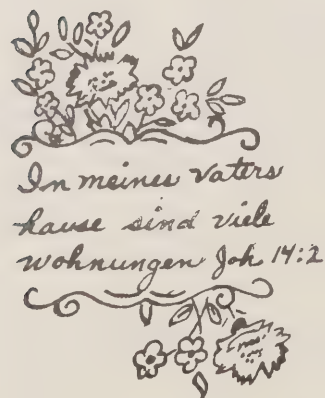
died at the Daviess County Hospital Tuesday, September 15, after a two-week illness. He had been seriously ill for one day. He was born in Barr township March 4, 1925, a son of Levi and Mary (Wittmer) Knepp, both of whom preceded him in death. On July 14, 1946 he married Mary Graber who survives. He leaves eight sons, John G. Knepp, Odon R1, and Jack, Wilmer, Louis Jr., Lloyd, Levi, Pete and David all at home; and six daughters also at home, Anna Mae, Ruth, Rosemary, Margie, Caroline and Ida Irene. There are two grandchildren. Also surviving are four brothers, Fred W. Knepp and Elmer Knepp, both of Montgomery R1; Wilmer Knepp, Hartville, Ohio and Pete Knepp, White Pigeon, Michigan; and two sisters, Mrs. Ben (Marguerite) Graber, Montgomery R1, and Mrs. Glen (Ida) Wagler, Loogootee R2. Two sisters preceded him in death. Funeral services were held by Ora Knepp and Bishop Sam Graber; Burial in the Stoll Cemetery.

Miller, Dan S., 86, of Millersburg R4, Ohio

died Friday, September 18 at his residence after two months illness. He was born in Holmes County, to Samuel B. and Sarah (Bontrager) Miller. His wife Fannie died in 1953. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Atlee D. (Ada) Schlabach, of Charm; six sons, Noah D. of Wilmot Star Rt., Dan D., Andy D., Enos D., Nathan D. and Sam D., all of Millersburg R4; 38 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held by Eli E. Hershberger; Burial in the Miller Cemetery in Mechanic Township.

Miller, Emanuel M., 75, of Sugarcreek R2, Ohio

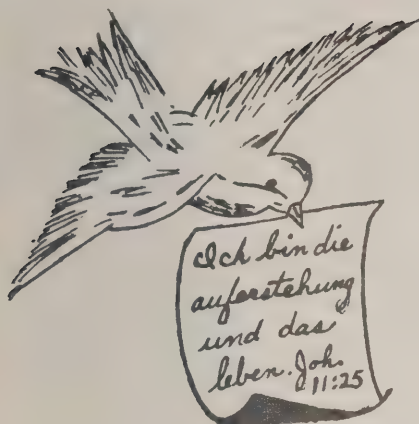
died Friday, September 11 in his residence after a 5-week illness. Born in Holmes Co., he was a son of the late Mose D. and Mattie (Hershberger) Miller. Surviving are his widow, the former Susan Yoder; 4 daughters, Mrs. Noah D. (Alma) Troyer of Winesburg; Mrs. Jonas E. (Mary) Mullet and Mrs. Levi R. (Cora) Yoder, all of Sugarcreek R2; 4 sons, Noah E. and Roman of Sugarcreek R2; David E.M. of Millersburg R5 and Mose of the home; one sister, Mrs. David C. (Mary) Miller and a brother Edwin M. both of Middlefield; 51 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, a son and a sister. Funeral services were held by Jonas Bontrager; Burial was in the Miller family cemetery.



Miller, Noah, 68, of Montgomery R1, Indiana

died unexpectedly at 2 a.m. Sunday, September 20 at his home. He was the son of Peter R. and Magdalena (Wagler) Miller and was born October 28, 1901. On December 20, 1923 he married Margaret Stoll, who survives. He leaves six sons, Joe Miller, Odon; Amos and Elmer Miller, Montgomery; Alva Miller, Grabill, Ind.; Paul Miller, Woodburn, Ind.; and Pete Miller, Churugusco, Ind.; one daughter, Mrs. Aaron (Margaret) Gingerich, Odon; and two brothers, Fred Miller, Odon, and Jacob Miller, Montgomery. There are 39 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Two sisters, a brother and three grandchildren preceded him in death. Funeral services were held by Bishops Levi Graber and Ben E. Wagler; Burial was in Stoll Cemetery.

Obituaries, continued



Miller, Mrs. Rebecca, 78, of Baltic R1, Ohio died Tuesday, September 8 in Pomerene Hospital at Millersburg after a brief illness. Born in Holmes County, a daughter of the late Mose E. and Magdalena (Bontrager) Mast, she was married to Mose E. Miller who died in 1962. She was also predeceased in death by a daughter, a sister and two brothers. Surviving are a daughter Anna of the home; eight sons, Levi M. of Millersburg R3; Sam M. of Millersburg R2; Mose M. of Millersburg R4; Joe M. and Ben M. of Millersburg R5; Albert of Baltic R1; Perry M. of Sugarcreek R2; and Noah M.S. of the home; a sister, Mrs. Dan S. Swartzentruber of Dundee R1; a half sister, Mrs. Noah M. Miller of Farmers-town; a half brother, Enos A. Miller of Baltic R1; 45 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the residence with Bishop Eli E. Hershberger officiating. Burial was in the Raber family cemetery in Clark Township.

Schwartz, Daniel B., 37, Geneva R1, Indiana

died at his home September 25, Friday at 7:45 a.m., following an illness of cirrhosis of the liver. He was a patient in the Bluffton Clinic Hospital for 3 weeks, was dismissed from the hospital on September 22. He has been a muscular dystrophy victim since he was 11 years old and confined to a wheelchair for many years. Surviving are his wife, Viola (Eicher); the father and stepmother, Dan L. and Lizzie Ann Schwartz, Monroe R1; two brothers, Ernest and Merlin Schwartz, two half brothers, Joni B. and Raymond B. Schwartz; two sisters, Mrs. Levi H. (Emma) Schwartz and Mrs. Amos A. (Lydiann) Schwartz. A twin brother preceded him in death. They were married for 2 years. Funeral services were held by Noah Anderson of Nappanee, Indiana and David Yoder of Holmesville, Ohio. Burial was in the Schwartz Cemetery.

Yoder, Anna, 88, of Sugarcreek R1, Ohio

who resided with a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson D. (Mary Ann) Yoder, died of complications from a broken hip Thursday, September 10, in Union Hospital. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jonas N. and Dena (Beachy) Miller; two husbands, Emanuel C. Schlabach, who died in 1946, and Andy L. Yoder, who died in 1960; a daughter, 3 sisters and 4 brothers. Surviving in addition to Mrs. Yoder are another daughter, Mrs. Joe R. (Emma) Yoder of Sugarcreek R1; 2 sons, Jonas E. Schlabach of Sugarcreek R1, and Andrew Schlabach of East Canton; 4 stepdaughters, Mrs. John H. (Emma) Mullet of Sugarcreek R1; and Mrs. Ervin A. Yoder of Sugarcreek R2; Mrs. A.N. (Katie) Yoder of Orrville and Mrs. Roman (Amanda) Mullet of El Salvadore, Central America; 10 stepsons, Jonas A. Yoder of Baltic, Levi A. of Sarasota, Fla., Monroe and Roman A. Yoder of Sugarcreek R2; Andy A. Yoder of Hattiesville, British Honduras; Noah A. Yoder of Atmore, Ala.; Abe D. Slabaugh of Sugarcreek R1; a sister, Mrs. Joe J. (Mary Ann) Miller of Wellman, Iowa, and a brother, Levi J.N. Miller of Millersburg R4; 28 grandchildren, and 32 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held by Bishop Milo M. Miller; Burial was in the Nelson Yoder family cemetery.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Johnson County, Iowa

Widow Mrs. Pete Helmuth (Barbara) a cancer victim is a patient at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City. She is in the middle 70s.

Centre County, Pennsylvania

Sam J. Stoltzfus spent 1 day in Bellefonte Hospital because of a fall on his head off the corn wagon. Xrays showed 2 cracked bones in neck.

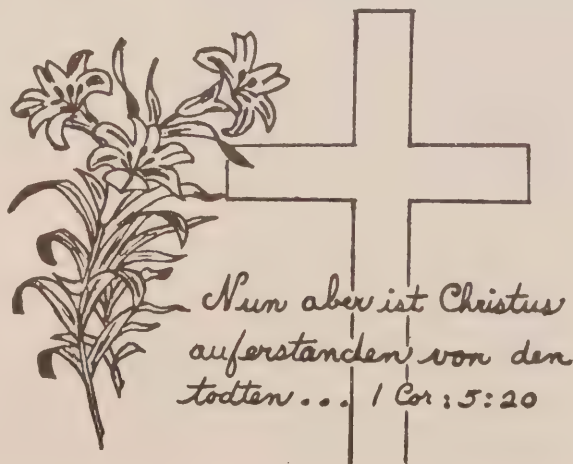
Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Leon, 14 months old son of Samuel and Annie Peachey, while playing at the silage cutter got his fore finger off, the second one was badly mangled, which then turned black and was also taken off.

Jesse Detweiler, while working at his pallets shop, got his fore finger crushed in the planer. He has it in a cast.

Fredericksburg, Ohio

Aden Keims, John Troyers, and Mrs. Arie Keim were on a western trip, leaving September 8 and coming home September 28, including states such as Indians, Iowa, the Dekotas, on out to Colorado, then home through Missouri and Kansas.



From Out of the Past

September 24, 1881 - I sowed the cornstalk
it was in the stilards

September 26, 1881 - I sowed the second field
the sign was the crab

September 27, 1881 and September 28 i finished
it the was in the crab

In the year 1879 i had four hundred bushels of
wheat the average was about 22 bushels to the per acre

In the year 1880 i had six hundred bushels of wheat
the average was about 30 bushels to the per acre

In the year 1881 i had three hundred and 26 bushels
of wheat the average was about 14 bushels to the per acre

This was written by John P. Fisher Soudersburg
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1970		September					1970	
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Remember me, when this you see,
Long may you live, And happy
may you be. In God i dwell i
hope he has a home prepared for
me in that beautiful heaven

Amen

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania by Eli S. King, Elam S. Beiler and Levi L. Stoltzfus

East Intercourse area had 1.3 inches of rain in September. The month was exceptionally dry with high temperatures. During the week of the 21st the temperatures were in the 90s.

New grass fields (wheat stubbles) were cut this month, made an excellent crop this year. Some fourth cutting alfalfa is in with most of it to be made yet. Most of the third cutting mixed hay is in now. We do have corn blight this year, with some varieties hit considerably harder than others, especially fields that had some other stress. Most farmers started picking corn, some getting land ready to sow wheat. Barley is being sowed. Most of the silos were filled in the middle of the month due to blight, some refilling is being done yet. Tobacco cutting started the middle of August with most of it in by the 10th of September. Early cutting is heavy, late cutting is lighter. Will weigh light as it grew fast. Has cured down very well by now.

Rainfall for the Bareville area was 2.5 inches. Sept. 12 Amos Allgyer's farm of 65 acres was sold to Amos M. King for \$76,000. Sept. 18 Frank Hershey's farm of 92 acres was sold to Raymond Weaver for \$125,900. Both farms are along the Peters Road east of Dry Hill and were sold at public sale. Live Stock Market: Fat Steers, from \$27.00 to 32.00 cwt.; Feeders, from 25.00 to 36.00 cwt.; Vealers, 50.00 cwt.; Lambs, 28.50 cwt.; Fat Hogs, from 15.00 to 21.50 cwt.; 40 lb. Feeder Pigs, .38 lb. Seth Lapp had a dairy herd dispersal sale held Sept. 12, registered a top sale of \$1035.00 paid for a cow-calf combination. Forty-three cows sold for \$400.00 - \$860.00 for an average of \$597.00; open heifers sold for \$115. to \$310.00. Poultry: heavy type, 22¢ lb.; light fowl, 5½¢ lb.; Eggs, large .40 doz.; Potatoes, 2.50 to 3.00 cwt.; Ear Corn, from 38.00 to 42.00 Ton; Shelled Corn, 1.60 bu.; Wheat, 1.55 bu.; Barley, 1.05 by.; Oats, .80 bu.; Hay, from 20.00 to 40.00 Ton; Straw, 27.00 to 34.00 Ton

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

September came in cold with temperatures in the 40s the first two mornings. After two weeks of fair weather it was very warm again. The 16th was said to be the warmest September day on record, but the next week it was even warmer with the thermomater registered at 90° and over. With temperatures 18° higher than ordinary for September, public schools in Lebanon County closed around 2 p.m. on the afternoons of 23, 24, 25. On the morning of the 27th it was still very warm at dawn, but temperatures dropped about 20° in several hours during which we had an inch of rain. The next three days were a chilly 50°, very damp with some rain. We had about 4 inches of rain for the month. Farmers are busy filling silo, with many of the silos already filled. Two farmers lost a mule because of the heat last week.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania by David Y. Renno

Total rainfall was 3.15 inches, which is normal, total for the year so far was 35.42", which is also normal for the year. The temperature was normal except for the week of the 20th it was extremely warm, going into the 90s in the shade every afternoon. Field work was almost at a stand-still that week. One farmer lost a good horse from over-heating. The farmers are now sowing wheat and picking corn. The crops and prices were good this past summer and farmers have had a good year up until Sept. 15th. Though now the prices of red meats, poultry and eggs have dropped the lowest in 2 years. Milk and grain prices remain the same and feed had been going up.

Snyder County, Pennsylvania by Sam Troyer

The month of September was mostly dry and hot, except for the last 4 days. The last half was extra warm, sometimes still 90° in the shade by 5.00 o'clock p.m. New records were set for high temperatures on some days, but on the 27th rain came, 1 5/8 inches, it cooled off after that. Corn is mostly ripe and looks good. Grain sorghum is also a good crop. Apples are also plentiful. Dan Troyer's ciderpress is busy.

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada by Leroy Eicher

The first part of August was warm and dry; the latter part had more cool days with rain. The total rainfall for August was 3 3/5 inches. Threshing is all finished.

Centre County, Pennsylvania by Henry F. Beiler

Weather for September was warm with lots of foggy mornings. The last week it cooled off with temperatures down to 40 degrees, some reported 36. About 3 inches of rain fell this month. Farmers are busy filling silo, does not take so many acres this year. Very little blight damage here in the valley this year. Corn looks better than last year. There are lots of apples on the trees.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania by Catherine Swarey

September had many warm days, highest temperatures, 102°, lowest, 40°, 2 inches of rain, no frost yet. Most of the silo filling is done, corn husking has begun. Measles have started among the children.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania by Abe S. Kinsinger

September was very warm till last few days when it cooled off considerably. Silos are mostly filled with a very good crop. No corn is husked yet but it looks good and ripe for Somerset County. Rainfall was 3.4 inches for September.

St. Mary's County, Maryland by Amos R. Stoltzfus

For the most part we had ideal weather in September. Several warm and humid spells, especially the week of the 20th, lasting till Sunday the 27th in the forenoon when it suddenly got cloudy and turned cooler fast. Since then it has been in the 40s in the mornings, excellent weather. Rainfall was approximately 3.7 inches, the results of 2 thunderstorms, the 10th and the 18th. Farmers are busy with fall harvesting and seeding.

Holmes County, Ohio by David E. Miller

We didn't have much rain through September but right now (26th) we have 1 inch in our Rain Gage and still raining. We had hot and humid weather for a few weeks, temperatures up to 85 and 90. Farmers were waiting to plow on account of dry weather. Most of the silos are filled, corn dried out fast. Some farmers have started to pick corn already which is a fair crop. Apples are a good crop, also pears and grapes. The trees are changing color, some red leaves and yellow leaves which makes a beautiful scenery along the country side. It's something to see all the wonderful scenery that God creates.

Fredericksburg, Ohio by Mrs. Christian S. Petersheim

Lots of rain during September, very warm and humid the last two weeks till last Sat. those big fall clouds came with rain and cold winds, down to 39° on the 29th. Silo filling is done. Most of the oats is in the ground and corn husking is on the way.

LaGrange County Indiana by Ervin D. Hochstetler

Corn is ripening fast, not much blight damage. Silos are about all filled. A few have started husking corn. Most of the wheat is sowed, and some of the field are turning green. We had about 6 inches of rain in September and only one killing frost, the 29th.

Daviess County, Indiana by Lester Marnier

Cool and dry with less than 1 inch of rain in September. Corn is being harvested early due to blight. Wheat is sown. Hay prices are from 20 to 19.50 per hundred.

Arthur, Illinois by Menno A. Dienner

The first half of September was a little dry and mostly cool, The 13th and 14th we had about 1½ inches of rain, by the 23rd we had 2¼ inches more rain. Corn will more than likely be a little light in weight and also in yield because of the so-called Blight. With these last rains in some fields the stalks have bent over, mostly above the ears. Soy beans are also very irregular in yield mostly caused from wet weather last spring. The reports on yields so far are from 19 to 40 bushels per acre.

Buchanan County, Iowa by Joe A. Yoder

Plenty of moisture through the month of September. Corn is an abundant crop, about 3 weeks earlier than usual. Mechanical pickers have started, with corn going through the dryers. Hand picking will start soon. A fruitful year, so let's not forget our Creator with thanksgiving.

Johnson County, Iowa by Eli S. Bontrager

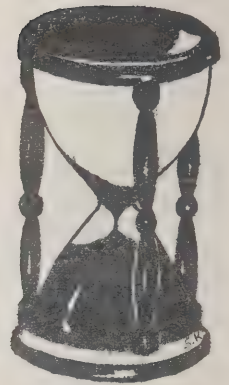
After a rather warm summer, we are realizing autumn time is here again. Our rainfall most of the summer came about as needed. Until September came it was unusually wet, to this date, Sept. 28, we had 17 inches rainfall, which delayed some silo filling for nearly two weeks. Our lowest temperature this fall was 48 degrees. Corn had been looking exceptionally good until the blight hit it, which may cut the yield a little in some fields.

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(9) John W. Beiler born July 1, 1825 married Sarah Blank; (10) Joseph born Feb. 13, 1829, married Sarah Yoder; (11) Jacob born April 22, 1831; (12) Mary born June 25, 1833; (13) Jonathan born April 13, 1837; two more children died in infancy.

by Amos L. Fisher to be continued

The Hour Glass



From "Sarah E. Beiler, Writing Book" 75 Years ago

Son of Amos and Mattie Stoltzfus
Died September 1895
I take these little lambs Said he
And lay them in my breast
Protection they shall find in me
On me be ever blest.

Christian P. Stoltzfus Died September 8, 1895
Aged 31 years 4 months
Ah, do beware, and do prepare
To meet the monster death
For he may come, while you are young
And steal away your breath.
My Earthly labors have an end
I've found a better home
Where I with many a loving friend
Gather around the throne.

Jakie Son of Samuel and Rebecca Smoker
Died September 27, 1895 Aged 10 month
Suffer little Children to come unto me
Of such is the kingdom of Heaven.

Jakie Son of Henry and Lydia Blank
Died September 16, 1895. Aged 9 mo. 27 days
Death had robbed from us another
Whom we loved and Cherished dear
It was Jakie, Yes, our dear one
Can we help but shed a tear

50 Years ago

KONIG GRAVEYARD

An account out of an old diary,

October 13, 1920 - Building of a cement wall around a graveyard near Cross Keys Hotel, Berks County. 24 by 34 feet, 3½ feet high, top wall extended in, a gate 3 feet 4 inches square, for Nicholas Stoltzfus family and Christian Keonig family graveyard. Present the first day to make arrangements for improvement on graveyard: John Miller, Mascot, Lancaster County; Benjamin Beiler, Ronks; Christian Fisher, Paradise; John M. Stoltzfus, Morgantown, Conestoga Valley; Aaron K. Stoltzfus, Morgantown, Berks County, Conestoga Valley. Agreed to have 12 inch cement wall by 3½ feet high, top wall extended, 18 inch foundation, 18 inch cement and stone.

October 19, 1920 - Commenced to build the cement wall. Present: Ezra Kurtz, John M. Stoltzfus, John Huyett, John Snyder, Aaron K. Stoltzfus, Samuel J. Stoltzfus, Ronks, Stephen Stoltzfus, Benjamin Stoltzfus, Amos J. Stoltzfus, Samuel Mast, all of Conestoga Valley except the one from Ronks. Had 1½ ton truck hauling stone, sand and cement from Lenhart's West Leesport, sand from G. U. Taught, along Pottsville Pike, stone from Nicholas Stoltzfus farm near graveyard.

October 20, second day work - Present: John M. Stoltzfus, Aaron K. Stoltzfus, David Stoltzfus Gap, Isaac Fisher Ronks, Christian Fisher Ronks, Aaron Stoltzfus Mascot, John King Mascot, Jacob Stoltzfus Mascot, Daniel Stoltzfus Millcreek, Christian Petersheim Millcreek, Stephen F. Stoltzfus Millcreek, Eli B. Stoltzfus Millcreek, Menno Stoltzfus Millcreek, Levi Stoltzfus Ronks, John Beiler Leacock, Eli Smucker Groffdale, Sam Smucker, John King, Aaron Stoltzfus Morgantown, Fred Stoltzfus Morgantown, John Miller, Jacob Miller Sr., Christ Miller Sr. Mascot, Jacob King Ronks.

October 21, third day - Present: John M. Stoltzfus, Aaron K. Stoltzfus, David U. Stoltzfus, Isaac Stoltzfus (J.M.'s son), Stephen M. Stoltzfus, Aaron F. Stoltzfus, Aaron Stoltzfus (J.M.'s son).

October 26, fourth day - Present: David M. Stoltzfus, Aaron K. Stoltzfus, John M. Stoltzfus, all from Morgantown, Pa., Jonas K. Stoltzfus and son, John Miller, John Miller Sr. Mascot Pa., Jacob Eash Intercourse.

November 1, fifth day - Aaron K. Stoltzfus, David M. Stoltzfus, whitewashed graveyard wall.

June 1, 1921 - Present to mow the yard: Christian Riehl and wife, daughter Sadie and Eddy, Jacob Fisher and wife, Elias Stoltzfus' widow Sarah, Aaron K. and son David.

June 1922 - Graveyard mowing: Aaron K. Stoltzfus, his son Stephen, son-in-law John Stoltzfus, son of Amos U. Stoltzfus.

June 1923 - Mowing yard: K.K. Stoltzfus, C.U. Stoltzfus, Henry Hertzler, Aaron K. Stoltzfus.

October 1923 - Mowing yard: Aaron K. Stoltzfus, Levi U. Stoltzfus.

1920 - The following were appointed as trustees of the cemetery where Nicholas Stoltzfus was buried, located between Reading and Hamburg, near the Schuylkill River west, 1½ miles from an old hotel called Cross Keys: John M. Stoltzfus, Elverson, Pa.; Aaron K. Stoltzfus, Morgantown, Pa.; Christian Miller, Mascot, Pa.; Benjamin Beiler, Ronks, Pa.

1950 - On June 18, 1930 at the age of 76 years Aaron K. Stoltzfus, one of the trustees who built the concrete wall around the Stoltzfus Cemetery between Reading and Hamburg, was called from this life. Having stated in his will to have one of his sons to fill the vacancy. Some time later his son Levi M. was appointed to fill it.

About December 1926 John M. Stoltzfus, one of the group was also called home, so his son Stephen R. Stoltzfus was appointed to fill the vacancy. Later Benjamin Beiler was also called to his home with the Lord, also Christian Miller was called from time to eternity.

December - Stephen R. Stoltzfus Elverson, Christian Beiler, Levi M. Stoltzfus Elverson and John Miller met at the latter's home to appoint men to vacancies left by Benjamin Beiler and Christ Miller. After some discussion Christian Beiler and John Miller were asked to serve in their fathers' places, which they gladly consented to do.

Further consideration was given to the investment of the funds which were given to invest when the concrete wall was built, to yield a fair interest for the semi-annual maintenance. On April 1, 1950 the sum of \$300.00 was invested in the farm of Christian Stoltzfus, interest at 4%.

At the meeting mentioned above, Levi M. Stoltzfus was appointed Secretary-treasurer, also to appoint caretaker out of the group who will receive the interest money for two trips to the cemetery to mow it semi-annually.

May 23, 1923 - The four committeemen were to take charge of the Nicholas Stoltzfus and Christian Konig graveyard are: Aaron K. Stoltzfus, 1923; John M. Stoltzfus, 1926; Christian Miller Ronks, 1926; Benjamin Beiler, 1927.

Mowing and taking charge, after one died he should be replaced. Donated for maintaining grave at present (Yard) Christian Miller in charge, \$69.00.

August - Donated for a monument for Nicholas Stoltzfus: by Christian H. Stoltzfus and his two daughters, \$1.00; Manda Stoltzfus, .50; Mrs. Charles E. Ferris, .50; Jacob Stoltzfus and family (Warwich, Chester Co.), 2.00; Eli Stoltzfus, 2.00; Abram K. Stoltzfus, 1.00; Christian King, 1.00; David Glick, 1.00; Jacob Ebersole, 5.00; Jacob Ebersole 1923, 50.00; Howard Stoltzfus 1924, 1.00; From another, 7.00; total \$72.00

Donated by: John Esh, \$1.00; Gideon Zook, 2.00; C.S. Petersheim, 2.00; Jacob S. Kurtz, 2.00; Levi Beiler, 1.00; Stephen M. Mast, 4.00; Christian King, 1.00; Eli H. Stoltzfus, 2.00; David Glick, 1.00 for tomb stone, 16.00 & 48.00; Committee, 57.28; sold lumber and cement, 79.10; total, 200.38. Expenses, 171.41; balance, 71.03;

November 1920 - Expenses for cement wall of graveyard of Nicholas Stoltzfus family and Christian Konig family: 3 tons cement, \$51.00; Lumber, 85.27; Truck Hauling, 38.00; Gas, 3.40; 1 ton cement, 17.00; Sand, 42.09; Truck Hauling, 26.25; Gas, 3.40; Aaron K. Stoltzfus' Car Expenses, 5.00

November - Donated by Stephen F. Stoltzfus, \$1.00; Stephen M. Stoltzfus, 1.00; Daniel Z. Stoltzfus, 3.00; Levi Stoltzfus, 1.00; David Stoltzfus, 5.00; Amos K. Stoltzfus, 1.00; Christian Stoltzfus, 1.00; Jacob Stoltzfus, 2.00; B.M. Stoltzfus, 2.00; John Z. Stoltzfus, 5.00; Daniel F. Stoltzfus, 2.00; Isaac Stoltzfus, 5.00; Moses B. Stoltzfus, 2.00; Christian Fisher, 5.00; Isaac Fisher, 3.00; Jacob King, 1.00; Jacob Ebersole, 5.00; John Beiler, 2.00; total, \$48.00.

1920 - Sold lumber and cement: Lumber, 55.25; 19 sacks cement, 16.15; Lumber, 7.70; total \$79.10.

June, 1923 - Mowing Graveyard: Aaron K. Stoltzfus, Henry H. Stoltzfus. Nicholas Stoltzfus' tombstone was placed in yard.

October 1, 1923 - H.H. Stoltzfus and Aaron K. Stoltzfus mowed Stoltzfus Graveyard.

By the appearance this must be the family of old Nicholas that came across the ocean:

June 29, 1751 was born to me in this world a daughter between 10 and 11 o'clock A.M. Her name is Barbara Stoltzfus.

July 28, 1753 at 11 o'clock P.M. was born to me a son, his name is Daniel Stoltzfus.

September 9, 1755 was born to me at 6 o'clock a son, his name is Nicholas.

October 6, 1757 at 4 o'clock P.M. was born to me a daughter, her name is Magdalena.

November 10, 1774 old Nicholas Stoltzfus died and left a wife and four children.

June 1, 1781 the wife also died, this is my mother and left the above children back.

Written by me, Christian Stoltzfus.

July 28, 1832 Nicholas Stoltzfus' son Christian died, aged 82 years, 11 months and 16 days.

His second wife, Elizabeth (daughter of Abraham Keonig) died March 2, 1823, aged 68 years.

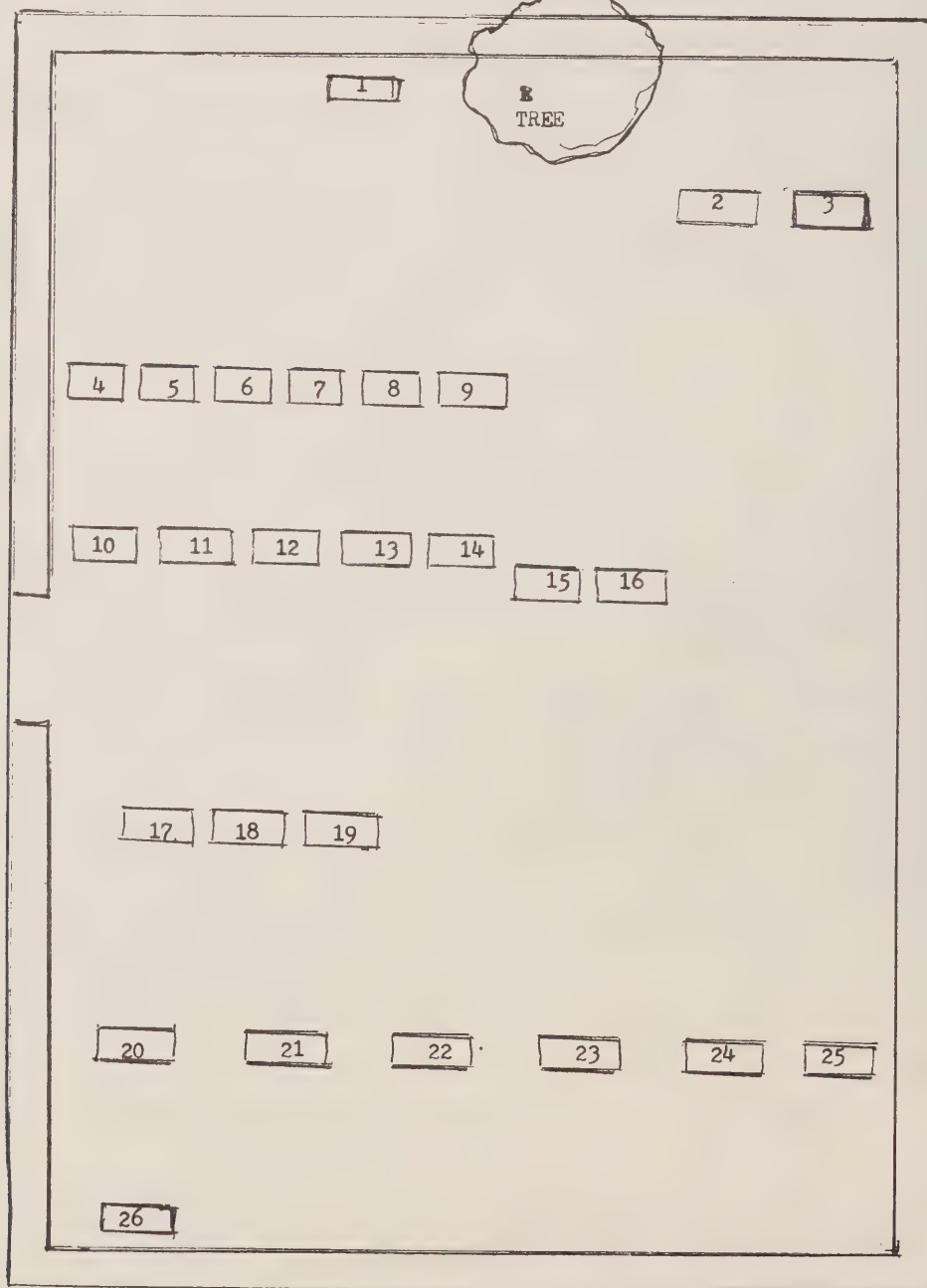
THE KOENIG GRAVE YARD, Where Nicholas Stoltzfus lies buried, is located near Leesport Berks County, Pennsylvania. Take Rt. 61 north out of Reading, to the first road left beyond Tuckerton, where at one time stood the Cross Keys Hotel. As you go in this road, where you pass between house and barn in the King Homestead. Right back of the barn you turn left and cross over a railroad which is in a deep cut at this point. And just a little further on is the graveyard, on the right side of the lane.

Catherine Steinmann, an aged granddaughter of Nicholas often reported that she remembers hearing of her Grandfather's funeral, and that they buried him a short distance inside the gate, to the right, and in 1923 a suitable marker was placed accordingly, the original marker, if there was any had long been lost.

Inscriptions on stones, taken in 1967: (1) J A (2) Hier Ruhn die gebeinen von Abraham Konig ist geborn 5den January 1767 und ist alt gewarden 57 yahr und 1 tag. (3) hier ruhn die gebeinen von Catherine Konig, geborn Sieber-- und ehegathan von Abraham Konig, word geborn den 6den January AD 1770 ist gestorben den 11den February AD 1853 (5) R K 1823 (10) I R 1804 (17) 1835 (19) F K (23) Nicholas Stoltzfus-Came to America in 1766, Died Nov. 10, 1774 (24) HIER RUHT Christian Konig son von Abraham und Catherina Konig er warde geborn June 1796 und Starb den 10den May 1869 in einen alter von 72 yahr. (25) Hier Ruht Konig-geboren Riekenbach, sie word geboren den 11 January 1801 verheirathett sich mit Christian Konig den 11 May 1821 ist gestorben den 13 January 1854 und brach ihr leben auf 53 yahr und 2 tag.

KONIG GRAVEYARD

looking south west



To Recall a Few Memories of the Past, we will refer to the Lap or Lapp families, who were a very important family in establishing and preserving the Amish Churches of America. The ancestor or the immigrant of the Lapp family is Johannas or John Lapp who came to America from Europe, landing at Philadelphia September 23, 1733 (on the ship Pink Mary of Dublin James Bern, Master from Rotterdam, last from Plymouth). Together with thirty-four families, who with their families, making in all one hundred seventy persons. Other familiar names on the same ship were such as Johannes Richenbach, Johannes Slabach and several Berky families. Among the childrens' names were such as Rudolph Lapp, age 11; Anna Maria Lap, age 9; Anna Cathrine Lap, age 8; Cathrine Richenbach, age 8½; Maria Barbara Richenbach, age 5; Anna Margareth Richenbach, age 2. It is believed that these children were children of Johannes Lap and Johannes Richenbach and in later years were numerously inter-married.

They landed at Philadelphia September 23, 1733 where they registered and traveled north to Bucks County, Pennsylvania near Freidensburg, called Oley Valley, in 1733 to 1737, which was known as the Franconia District, one of the oldest Amish settlements in America. The Lapps moved from Oley Valley to the Northkill settlement in Upper Bern Twp., Berks Co., Pa. According to the Lapp History by C.L. Lapp of 1937, John Lapp married a Mennonite girl, and died in 1973. We have a record of a Michael and George Lapp who are believed to be sons of the immigrant John Lapp.

At the time of the Indian massacres and raids throughout central Pennsylvania from 1750 to 1760 the Amish families were widely scattered throughout Pennsylvania and the western states. The Lapps moved south with some other Amish families to the beautiful Chester Valley in Chester County, Pennsylvania, a few miles north of Malvern and about 20 miles northwest of Philadelphia. Here the settlement consisted of such names as Lapp, Kauffman, Coffman, Zook, Richenbach, Fisher and others, as you noted in the June issue of THE DIARY. (An Early Amish Colony in Chester County, by Maurice A. Mook, page 120). Michael Lapp and George Lapp were both taxable in the Malvern district in 1790.

George Lapp purchased land in Carnarvon Twp., Lancaster, Co. from John Richenbach. It is not known just how large a family George had or who his wife was, but at the time of his death in 1819 a certain Jacob Byler was appointed administrator of his estate. There are 4 children listed as heirs to his estate, namely George Lapp Jr. and Christian Zook married to Ann, one of the daughters of George Lapp, deceased, and Joseph Beiler, married to Mary, daughter of George Lapp, deceased, and Magdalena Lapp, a minor child of George Lapp, who was under the guardianship of Samuel Watts, and Henry Silkmitter who was married to Catherine Lapp, widow of said George Lapp, deceased.

Not much can be said about the family of George Lapp Jr, although in the Mennonite Encyclopedic Dictionary by Daniel Kauffman of 1937 are listed a few Lapps who are believed by the writer to be descended from George Lapp. One is John Lapp born 1787 (died 1878) in Chester County of Amish parents, moved to Clarence New York, became a Mennonite Bishop and his descendants subsequently became active workers in Northern Illinois and Missouri.

Another Lapp he mentions is Deacon Samuel Lapp who moved west to Roseland, Nebraska and helped to establish the Line Lexington Congregation of that place, and lived to see his four sons, Daniel, Samuel, Mahlon, and George I. become ministers and bishops of the Mennonite Church.

George I. Lapp married to Esther Ebersole in 1905. She was born in 1880 near Sterling, Illinois and moved with her parents to Roseland, Nebraska. In October of 1905, the same year as they were married they sailed for Dhanstari, India as Missionaries and served in the office of Bishop.

The daughter Ann, as before mentioned who was married to Christian Zook of Leacock Twp., is believed by the writer to have moved to Cumberland County, Pa. southwest of Harrisburg, where several families moved to at the beginning of the nineteenth century. There were also a Christian Lantz and a Jonathan Lantz family, sons of John and Freany (Beiler) Lantz of Carnarvon Twp., Lancaster County, Pa., who are listed as living in Frankford Twp. in Cumberland County. There is an old cemetery on the site of the present Messiah College grounds, a few miles southwest of Harrisburg with inscriptions on the tombstones such as Christian Zook, died December 1, 1850, age 69 yr., 11 mo.; Ann Zook, wife of Christian Zook, died Jan. 1, 1851, age 64 yr., 9 mo., 23 da.; Jacob L. Zook, died January 11, 1868, age 48 years; Elizabeth, wife of Jacob L. Zook, born October 26, 1822, died May 11, 1852. There are several more stones marked which are believed to be children of this Zook family.

The other daughter of George Lapp Sr., deceased, is Mary, married to Joseph Beiler of Leacock Twp., Lancaster County, a son of Christian Beiler, who came to America at the age of nine years, with his father Jacob Beiler. Joseph Beiler was ordained an Amish minister in 1810 and lived at Irishtown, one-half mile east of Ronks, where Jacob L. Lapp now lives. They were the parents of the following children: (1) Barbara Beiler married to Joseph Diener, (2) George Beiler born 1810, named after his grandfather, George Lapp, married to Catherine King and lived in Leacock Twp. He was grandfather of Bishop George Beiler of Weavertown Amish Mennonite Church. (3) Fanny born 1812, married Samuel Stoltzfoos and were the grandparents of Pre. Elam B. Stoltzfoos of Groffdale, (4) Christian born 1814, married to Mary Lapp. They had three daughters: Leah, married to Pre. Christian Fisher; Barbara, married to Jonathan Lapp; and Rebecca, married David Zook, all of Groffdale. (5) Mary born 1817, the sixth and seventh child died in infancy. Pre. Joseph Beiler married his second wife, Barbara Wagler. to this union were born eight children: (8) Anna born Oct. 6. 1823;

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From THE COMING KING by James Edison White (Published, 1906)

DISTRESS OF NATIONS

"And upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity." Luke 21:25.

The times which are to precede the coming of the Lord are to contain an abundance of evidence that He is near. There are to be signs in the heavens--the darkening of the sun and moon and the falling of the stars. There are to be signs on the earth--sin, wickedness, and unbelief in a marked degree. Vast armies preparing for battle are to tell that the nations are angry. From all these things we are to understand that God's wrath is soon to be poured out.

Of the nations, the Lord has said they shall have "distress" with "perplexity." A glance at the peoples of the earth will make it apparent to every one that such a condition prevails, and that the statesmen of the world are greatly troubled to know what to do to alleviate the distress.

One of the causes of this condition of things is the militarism which prevails causing distress in two ways: First, by withdrawing so many men from peaceful pursuits, and putting their labor upon women, while the men lie idle in the camp; secondly, because of the enormous taxation by which the immense armies of the world are maintained. Every nation of Europe groans under these two closely allied burdens.

This excessive militarism, and the consequent enormous burden of taxation, dates from the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71. France had been the first military power in Europe, but in measuring swords with Prussia was defeated. Prussia thus suddenly becoming great and powerful, the head of Germany, exacted a severe penalty from France. A vast sum of money and the two provinces of Alsace and Lorraine were taken by Germany. This deeply wounded the national spirit of France, and a determination to at some time regain those provinces took possession of her.

The rapidity with which the French nation recovered from the defeat of that terrible war astonished the world. Germany, alarmed, increased her army. Then France increased hers. So the race began. Germany made Austria an ally. Then the triple alliance was formed, of Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy. By the terms of this alliance these powers were pledged to keep up vast armies. France, isolated and threatened by all her immediate neighbors, finally formed an alliance with Russia. So the armament of all these powers, and the taxation necessary to support it, goes on. Other nations, seeing the inevitable conflict coming, and the necessity of being prepared, have increased their armies, and thus added to their taxation.

The statesmen of these nations, knowing that war with such armies and weapons as are now used means little less than wholesale destruction, exert themselves to prevent war, still the expectation of it is so wide-spread that from the king's palace to the peasant's hut there is constant fear of a conflict.

Another phase of the distress of the nations lies in the fact that those powers which are in alliance distrust one another, each suspecting the others of contracting secret alliances. The feeling of the nations one toward another is well expressed in the words of the poet describing Fitz James and Red Murdock, his guide, as they went up the mountain together:--

"Jealous and sullen, on they fared,
Each silent, each upon his guard."

Such a strained condition of affairs cannot but lead to distress of nations.

Another cause of distress closely connected with the preceeding is the dissatisfaction of vast masses of the peoples of Europe, and also, to some extent, of all the world, either with their present systems of government, or the way the laws are administered.

Before the American Revolution, the idea that the common people had any rights was confined to a few advanced thinkers. To submit the body to the exactions of the king and the soul to the priest, was the supreme and only duty of the common people. In 1776 a new age, --an age of the people dawned. Liberty, driven by persecution from the Old World, fled to the wilds of America, and there undertook to defend the rights of the common people. She claimed the right to erect a church without a pope and a state without a king. Europe felt the reaction from this movement, and the French Revolution, the greatest event of modern history, was helped forward by it. Since that time the spirit of liberty, though often cast down and crushed, had been gaining ground in Europe. At times, as in 1848, it has swept kings from their thrones and popes from their altars.

At the present time, kings and priests are endeavoring to tighten their grip on the people, and the result is a spirit of opposition to the present conditions. The nihilists of Russia, the communists and anarchists of France, Spain, and Italy, are parts of a dissatisfied public, which sometimes honorably, and sometimes in the worst possible way, strives to bring about a new order of things. The better class of these agitators aim in their parliaments, and in other legitimate ways, to bring about greater liberty; the worst of them use the dagger and dynamite to terrorize kings and gain what they desire.

This feeling of unrest has crossed the Atlantic, and is being widely diffused throughout this country. The marvellous aggregations of capital, popularly known as "trusts," by which business and the profits of business are being gathered more and more into the hands

of a few, necessarily ruin thousands of men of smaller means. The laboring people do not believe that the rewards of toil and honest endeavor are equally distributed. Thinking men, who have studied history in a way to understand its philosophy, hold that the times are similar to the years immediately preceding the French Revolution; hence they look for some terrible outbreak in the near future. Unrest is universal, and unrest is certainly a precursor of revolution.

With the nations joined in alliance, burdened with debt, and still, by enormous preparations for war, adding debt to debt; with universal jealousy pervading all nations; with statesmen at their wits' end to know how to guide their ships of state past the rocks that threaten to crush them in pieces; and with a restless, dissatisfied, and often rebellious people, the nation of the earth at the present day are full of the "distress" which was predicted by our Lord as one of the evidences of His soon coming.

In such days as these, happy is he whose hopes being withdrawn from this troubled world are placed upon Christ and His kingdom, which soon will take the place of all earthly kingdoms.

Last of a Series

Antwort auf Joseph's Brief.

Pittsburg Pa. 13. Okt. 1910.

Lieber Joseph!

Deinam Wunsch
gemäß hat unser Lehrer
nachgefragt ob jemand
ein Messer verlor.
Ja. Der kleine Lerner
fürd' sein socht. Daß er
daß kleine seit gestern
vermisst. So ist es bei
Lingen in ein braunes
Licht, also scheint es. Daß
das Messer wirklich in
gefunden ist, ist gefort.
Deshalb wird morgen
abend zu dir kommen
und sich gemäß fragen,
sein Messer zurück zu er-
halten.

Mit vielen Grüßen
bin ich

Dein Freund
Anton

Pittsburg Pa.

Oct. 13, 1910

Dear Joseph

Complying with your
wish our teacher asked who
had lost a knife, and lit-
tle Bernard Stern said he
missed his since yesterday.

It has three blades and a
brown handle, so it seems
the one you found belongs
to him. Bernard will call
on you to-morrow evening
and will be pleased to re-
ceive his knife.

With kind regards,
Your friend,
Anthony.

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As time went on the French and Indians were driven back and badly defeated. On Oct. 17, 1764 Colonel Henry Bouquet succeeded in having a council with the Indians in which they agreed to return their prisoners. Most of the captives were released but some were reluctant to return to the white settlements because they had become so attached to their Indian friends who had treated them kindly. There are a number of touching stories of those who returned.¹

After this the Amish settlements spread westward, by 1784 to Somerset County, Penna. and by 1809 to Holmes and Tuscarwas Counties in Ohio. It is from these two settlements, mainly, that the first Amish came to Elkhart and LaGrange Counties in Indiana.

By 1840 Somerset County was a well established Amish Community. Many got the urge to move on still farther westward.² That summer four Amishmen, Daniel S. Miller, Pre. Joseph Miller, brothers, Nathan Schmeily and Joseph Speicher made an investigation tour west. Whether they got a canal boat from Johnstown to Pittsburgh or hired a stage, is not known. At Pittsburgh they went by boat down the Ohio and up the Mississippi River to Burlington, Iowa. From here they went on foot through Henry, Wastington and Johnson Counties in Iowa. They wanted to see Indiana before returning home. They crossed the Mississippi and the state of Illinois and came to the then small town of Chicago. By boat they crossed Lake Michigan and came up the St. Joseph River a distance. From there they went overland to Goshen in Elkhart County, Indiana. They were so well pleased with the country and the seemingly contented settlers that they decided this to be their future home.

The next year, 1841, four families got ready to move. They were Daniel S. Miller, 35, wife Barbara and five children, Samuel, Polly, Jonathan, Rachel and Barbara; Preacher Joseph Miller, 33, wife Elizabeth and four children, Lydia, Polly, Daniel and Joseph; Deacon Joseph (Sep) Borntrager, 29, wife Barbara and five children, Elizabeth, Christian, Barbara, Honsi and David; and Christian Borntrager, 25, Elizabeth, his wife and two children, Lydia and Maria.

They loaded their belongings on four large wagons and three spring wagons and on June 3, 1841 these 24 persons left Somerset County for Indiana. They went by way of Holmes Co. and visited there a week. The level lands of western Ohio were then a black swamp so that they passed around it into Michigan and came to White Pigeon. From here they took a south-western course, probably State Road 13 now and camped the last time at Indiana state line. The next day they passed through Middlebury and came to Goshen on June 29. They proceeded three miles further to the west side of Elkhart Prairie and lived here several months in log cabins.

Later that summer Joseph Miller and Joseph Borntrager each bought 80 acres of timber land in Clinton Township, Elkhart County. Daniel Miller and Christian Borntrager bought farms about ten miles to the northeast in Newbury Township, LaGrange County, known as the Forks. Daniel S. Miller settled on the farm where Kenneth Stutzman now lives (1970). [Menno J. Bontreger, 89, remembers visiting his grandmother who was then the second wife of Daniel S. Miller. The old home stood back from the road on the east side of the little creek. The lane came out where the present buildings stand at the turn in the road, a short distance southwest of the "fork" in the road in the Forks community.] (The "Forks" was really named after the forks or branches of the Little Elkhart River.) Christian Borntrager settled nearby, now the old Dan Stahley farm along the Cable Line road, the farms joined each other. They chose the timber land because even then the nice prairie land was too high in price for their limited capital.

By October of that year they were joined by five families from Holmes County, Ohio. Emanuel Millers came to LaGrange and Pre. Isaac Schmuckers 31, Jacob Kauffmans, Isreal Millers and Jonas Hochstetlers came to Elkhart County.

About this time they had church services for the first time at the home of Daniel S. Miller in the present Middle Forks church district. The next spring on March 27, 1842, Easter Sunday, they had services again. This time in the home of Preacher Joseph Miller in Clinton Township, a gathering of fourteen members. Isaac Schmucker had the opening, Joseph Miller preached the main sermon. After this they had regular services every two weeks. (Bishop Perry Nisley now lives on this farm of Joseph Miller. The present house along Fish Lake Road stood back from the road about 80 rods and had a lane that led out to the east on County Road 35. (Preacher Joseph Miller later moved to LaGrange County where Joe H. and Fred Yoders now live.)

On February 2, 1842 a son Eli was born to Joseph (Sep) and Barbara Borntrager. He was the first Amish child born in Indiana that survived. He later became minister and bishop in the Yoder Church.

In the spring of 1842 eight more families came from Somerset County to LaGrange. They were: Abraham Hershbergers, Joseph and John Hershbergers, Henry and John Millers, Phillip Weirichs, Christian Hochstetlers and David Lehmans. That same fall old John Millers, Joseph

¹For full account of the Jacob Hochstetler family massacre see DESCENDANTS OF JACOB MAST, 1912, Brethren Publishing House, Elgin, Ill. or a later book DESCENDANTS OF BARBARA HOCHSTETLER, 1938, Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, Pa. both by Rev. Harvey Hostetler.

²Pamphlet - Ein Geschichte der Erste Ansiedlung der Amishen Mennoniten und die Gründung ihre ersten Gemeinde im Staate Indiana; Nabst einer kurzen Erklärung über die Spaltung die in dieser gemeinde geschehen ist. By John (Hansi) E. Borntrager. Shipshewana, Ind. Sept., 1907

J. Millers, Jonas Millers, David H. Millers, Eli Chupps, Felty Yoders, David Schrockes and Deacon Peter Schrock's came from Holmes County, Ohio and settled in Clinton in Elkhart Co. More followed.

In 1843 a bishop was ordained from the two ministers Joseph Miller and Isaac Schmucker. The lot fell to Isaac Schmucker and he became the first Amish bishop in Indiana. The next spring, 1844, Jonas Hochstetler became minister in the new church, the first minister to be ordained in Indiana.

In the fall of 1844 Preacher John (Hans) Borntrager III, older brother of Joseph (Sep) and Christian Borntrager moved with his family to LaGrange. The rest of their brothers and sisters also followed. The aged parents, John Borntragers II came in 1848.

The settlers had been coming steadily. It seems the Somerset County people were settling in LaGrange County mostly. The Holmes County people came more or less to Clinton. The church was growing in numbers but there was some difference of opinion regarding the rules and regulations of the church. The result was a schism or split in 1845.

Bishop Isaac Schmucker was the only minister in the group from Ohio, so he ordained Joseph J. Miller as minister and Felty Yoder as deacon in his church in Clinton.

However, they did not feel right to have ill feelings and offences among themselves. Both parties agreed to have ministers from Ohio come to settle the dispute. They chose Moses Miller, Peter Gerber and Jacob Coblentz and the church came together again in 1847. Because of the size of the congregation by now and being widely scattered it was considered best to divide the church in two districts, the one Clinton and the other LaGrange.

Preacher Joseph Miller having moved to LaGrange sometime before this, was now ordained bishop in the LaGrange Church in 1848. He served faithfully in this capacity for twenty seven years. He is said to be responsible to a large extent for the forms and usages in the church there today.

Deacon Joseph (Sep) Borntrager sold his farm in Clinton in 1852 and moved to LaGrange on the farm where his great grandson, Deacon Abe Bontrager now lives. He is buried in the little cemetery out by the road north of the farm, known as Yoder Cemetery.

In 1851 Bishop Isaac Schmucker sold out and moved to Illinois. After about a year and a half he returned. He seems to have been rather progressive minded.

In 1854 Preacher Jonas Troyer and family of Ohio came to Clinton.

The Schism or Split of 1854

We quote in part John (Honsi) E. Borntrager from his booklet of 1907:

"By this time both churches had grown and progressed and most of the ministers were much concerned to care for the church according to the Word of God, to faithfully continue therein as they had accepted at baptism, in being non-conformed to the world, in pride and expensive clothing, etc. Jesus spoke of this as being one of the sins of the rich man, Luke 16. The apostles also mention clothing, I Peter 3:3, I Timothy 2:9."

"Most of the church members were in agreement with the ministers. However, several ministers, Jonas Troyer, Christian Plank, Christian Miller and John Schmeily and a part of the church did not wish to conform to the rules and regulations of the church, spoke much against it and caused the faithful much trouble and concern. The dissenters got together, counseled with each other, declared their freedom and started a new church after their own liking."

"This occurred in the spring of 1854 in the Clinton Church, but Jonas Troyer, being a very gifted speaker had a strong influence so that quite a few from the LaGrange church also followed him."

"The ministers that took heed to the warnings of Jesus and the apostles, to see they are not misled but remain faithful were: Bishop Joseph Miller, John (Hans) Borntrager III, Joseph J. Miller, Jonas D. Hochstetler, Moses Kauffman, Tobias C. Yoder, John C. Yoder and Joseph (Sep) Borntrager."

"The result was a serious, pathetic and complete schism in the two churches, children from their parents, brothers and sisters were separated. This was completely brought about in 1857."

"Already in 1854, Jonas Troyer had been ordained bishop by Isaac Schmucker. Bishop Troyer was quite progressive and in a short time there was quite a change in the new church. A new form of baptism was adopted, that of performing the rites in a flowing stream. They built meeting houses."

"But they were not long of one mind in the new church. A part of them could not agree to the many changes and drew back and another split resulted. Whereupon, again a part conformed to the world in various ways to such an extent that a third schism resulted."

Honsi then goes on and lists four points that the new church tolerated which now called themselves Amish Mennonites. (1) Costly clothing and worldly adornment, (2) holding of worldly (public) office, (3) full liberty to enter into business, and (4) wisdom of this world. (By the last he probably meant high school and college training.)

It evidently was a cause for much concern. Meanwhile, Bishop Isaac Schmucker, who had returned to the "Haw Patch" in Indiana, organized the Maple Grove Mennonite congregation near Topeka about 1854. A Mennonite writer¹ says, Schmucker retained much of the outward appearances of an Old Order Amish member, but in his inner attitude he was quite flexible and progressive." It so happens that the druggists in Middlebury, Farmer and Don Smucker are descendants of Bishop Isaac Smucker.

To be continued

¹MENNONITES IN INDIANA AND MICHIGAN, 1961, P 328, John C. Wenger, Goshen, Ind. Herald Press, Scottdale, Pa.

HISTORY OF THE AMISH IN LAGRANGE AND ELKHART COUNTIES, INDIANA

by Eli Gingerich

The history of our Amish Mennonite forefathers has its roots in Germany and Switzerland. Descended from the Swiss Anabaptists who suffered for their faith, not only at the hands of the Roman Catholic Church but the Lutheran and Reformed Churches as well, they were persecuted for several centuries in Europe. Although severe persecution let up soon after 1600 it still continued by means of fines, imprisonment and exile and they were often driven from place to place.

There were times when some of them were granted more freedom yet for the most part they were compelled to make a living and exist in the poor and mountainous parts of Germany and Switzerland. It is probably this experience of hard work and frugal living that prepared them for life in the new world.

It is little wonder then, that when William Penn in 1682 opened up his colony in America to the Quakers and other religious groups who were persecuted for their faith, that many Amish and Mennonites turned their faces towards the woods and hills of Pennsylvania as their future home across the sea.

Europe was beset with many wars and our forefathers suffered because they did not believe in fighting or resistance. Many came to escape Military training.

The first Amish immigrants to America probably were Barbara Yoder and her eight sons and one daughter who settled in Berks County, Pennsylvania in 1714. Her husband probably died at sea. Most of the early immigrants came from Germany by way of the River Rhine. The boats sailed from Rotterdam in the Netherlands with a last stop in England before sailing to America. The voyage took most of the summer. They usually arrived at Philadelphia. All persons over 16 years of age were required to register and make a pledge of allegiance. Of course there were many other immigrants that came over, but these old ship records bear many familiar Amish names. The boats usually arrived in September and October depending on the weather they encountered at sea.

Most of these families settled first in Berks County near Philadelphia, then later spread westward to Somerset County near Johnstown and Mifflin County, the "Big Valley." Because there were few ministers and organized churches many of the Amish young people were lost to the Amish faith.

Jacob Hertzler¹ was 46 years old when he came to America and was the first Amish bishop. He lived at Northkill settlement in Berks County. Later, in 1760 he also had the care of the Amish Church at Conestoga. The latter is part of the Amish settlement in Lancaster Co. today, while the first settlement in Berks County has long since disappeared.

The pioneers as a whole lived peaceably with the Indians through the fair and honest dealing of William Penn. A few crimes by white men committed against the Indians were promptly punished by the government. The Indians did the same with their bad men. A general good feeling prevailed until the beginning of the French and Indian war in 1754.

The French who held Canada evidently intended to head off the English settlements westward. They offered the Indians more money for their land and better terms of trade than they received from the English. So trouble commenced.

The British sent an army under General Braddock to capture Fort Duquesne (duke), now Pittsburgh. They suffered a terrible defeat from the combined forces of the French and the Indians on July 9, 1755. Emboldened by this victory the Indians were led to believe that with the help of the French they could drive all the English settlers from the country and regain their land.

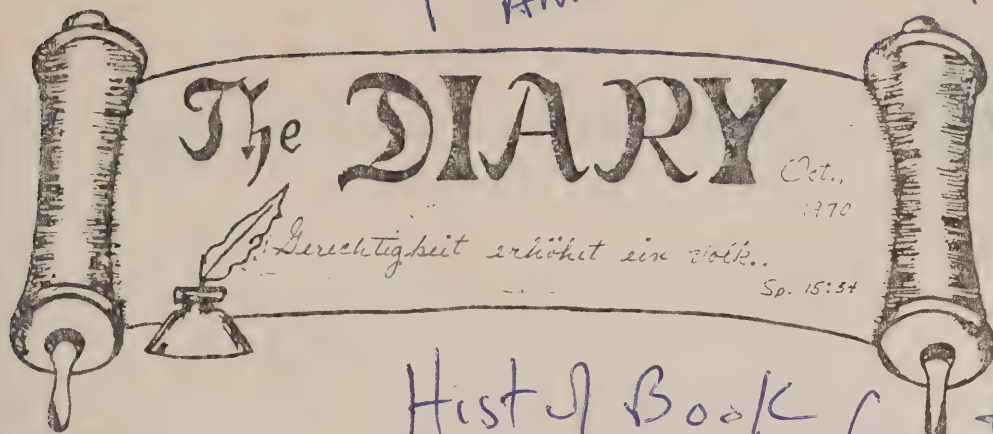
Thus it was that the Indians began to move eastward again in large numbers. Sneaking raids on the settlements became more frequent. The Indians kept the settlers in constant apprehension. No one knew where the next blow would fall.

On the night of September 19, 1757 the family of our ancestor Jacob Hochstetler, an Amish farmer in the Northkill settlement was attacked by the Indians and their house set on fire.² Although they had guns and plenty of ammunition, the fathers stood fast in the hour of trial and would not allow his sons to shoot to defend the family. The mother and a son and daughter were killed and scalped. Jacob and two sons were taken captive. Others suffered a similar fate. We can hardly imagine their sorrows in this trying experience. Funerals were out of the question. Soldiers of Fort Northkill assisted the neighbors in burying the dead.

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¹Hertzler - Hartzler Family History 1948. Page 11 by Silas Hertzler, Goshen, Ind. Economy Printing Concern, Berne, Indiana.

²Descendants of Barbara Hochstetler 1938. Page 24 by Rev. Harvey Hochstetler, Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, Pennsylvania



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LIONS AT LARGE IN LEBANON CO. PA.

Residents of Lebanon County had cause for alarm early Wednesday evening, October 14, when a lion and lioness at a wild animal farm escaped from their cage. The gate was apparently opened on the hinge side. Neighbors, firemen, town councilmen, state police, and a local veterinarian joined their efforts to capture the lions. The animals were shot with tranquilizers to make them mild enough for capture. Two or three shots were fired into each one. The male lion went down after the shots about 2 a.m., Wednesday night. By morning it was reported to be dead. The lioness ran away after being shot and was not seen again till morning. In the meantime it had injured a horse on an adjoining farm. Around 11 a.m. it was shot again with tranquilizers, then returned to its cage, but died later in the day. The animals apparently got an overdose of the tranquilizing agent.

INDIANA MAN KILLED IN ACCIDENT

David Y. Schwartz, 32, Geneva R1, Indiana was killed in a one car accident early Sat. morning, October 24. He was the manager of Amishville. He was born March 16, 1938 to Samuel C. and Emma (Graber) Schwartz, who now reside in Seymore, Missouri. He was married to Ada Hilty, March 10, 1960, who survives with the following children: Five daughters, Lucinda, Emma, Katie, Lydia and Elizabeth; four sons, David, John, Samuel and Chris, all at home; and the parents and 15 brothers and sisters all of Seymore, Missouri. Funeral services were held by Bishop Levi H. Schwartz and Pre. Menace A. Wickey; Burial was in the Bunker Hill Cemetery near Amishville.

BELLEVILLE, PA. INFANT DIED AT PHILADELPHIA HOSPITAL

Ruth Ann Kanagy, first child of Aquilla and Annie (Peachey) Kanagy was born October 19, 1970 with a heart murmur. October 23 she was taken to the Children's Heart Hospital at Philadelphia. She died October 24 of an enlarged heart and liver, aged 6 days. She is survived by her parents, grandparents, David C. Peachey and Ezra Kanagys; great grandparents, Jacob J. and Rufas A. Peachey and Mrs. Leah Byler. Funeral services for close relatives were held October 26 by Bishop Jacob E. Byler; Burial in Allensville Cemetery.

OHIO WOMAN DIED FROM HEART ATTACK

Mrs. Saloma A. Hershberber, 38, of Millersburg R4, died Saturday, October 10 in her home after suffering an apparent heart attack. Born in Holmes County, she was a daughter of Noah D. Yoder of Millersburg R4 and the late Anna Miller. Surviving are her husband, Abner V.; a son, Daniel of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Levi S. (Mary) Yoder of Baltic R1 and Barbara Yoder of the home; three brothers, Dan N. of Millersburg R4, Neal of Millersburg R5, and Emanuel N. of Sugarcreek R2. Funeral services were held at the residence with Bishop Joe M. Hershberber officiating; Burial was in the Miller family cemetery in Mechanics Township.

BELLEVILLE, PA. ACCIDENT

Crist, son of Pre. Crist B. Peachey, while unloading corn the belt of the elevator stuck, he took his hand to start the belt. He got the tips of the 2 little fingers cut off and the middle one cut. He was treated at the Lewistown Hospital. He is using Union salve and it seems to be healing nicely.

MARYLAND MAN HAD INJURY

Amos R. Stoltzfus, reporter for THE DIARY, of St. Mary's Co., Md. hurt his leg but did not consider it serious until finally lumps began to appear. The doctor found he had an advanced case of blood poison and was to stay in bed until the lumps disappear.



"Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen."

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BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, David E. (Rebecca Riehl) Narvon R2, a daughter ELIZABETH, October 5
 Beiler, Elias S. (Verna Glick) Ronks R1, a son ELAM, October 18
 Beiler, Ezra E. (Mattie Fisher) Christiana R1, a daughter EMMA, October 14
 Beiler, John S. (Mary Blank) Gap R1, a daughter RUTH, October 5
 Beiler, Samuel E. (Mary Smucker) Strasburg R1, a son LEROY MARK, October 3
 Beiler, Samuel S. (Sally Glick) Quarryville R3, a son DAVID M., October 14
 Ebersol, Jacob B. (Rebecca S. Esch) 1800 Millport Rd. Lancaster, a daughter NANCY S., Oct. 31
 Esch, David G. (Sylvia Esh) Gordonville R1, a daughter SUSAN MARIE, October 31
 Esch, Leroy S. (Rebecca K. Miller) Paradise R1, a son STEVEN M., September 15
 Esh, Christian L. (Sadie Smucker) Gordonville R1, a daughter, October 20
 Esh, Daniel K. (Rebecca S. Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3, a daughter SADIE, October 3
 Esh, Daniel S. (Annie Beiler) Ronks R1, a daughter NAOMI ROSE, October 15
 Esh, Jonas E. (Fannie Zook) 534 Willow Rd., Lancaster, a son NATHAN, October 24
 Fisher, Aaron L. (Susie L. Zook) Gordonville R1, a daughter REBECCA, October 8
 Fisher, Benuel S. (Arie E. Smucker) Ronks R1, a son SAMUEL, October 18
 Fisher, Henry F. (Mary Stoltzfus) Willow Street R1, a son AMOS S., October 9
 Fisher, Henry S. (Emma Stoltzfus) Paradise R1, a son LEVI J., October 27
 Fisher, Moses S. (Ida R. Beiler) Kirkwood R1, a daughter, October 1
 Glick, Amos E. (Mary Stoltzfus) 369 Mt. Sidney Rd., Lancaster, a daughter REBECCA S., Oct. 25
 Glick, Jacob S. (Mary S. Stoltzfus) 2351 Horseshoe Rd., Lancaster, a dau MARY S., October 13
 Glick, Joel K. (Lizzie E. Riehl) Quarryville R3, a son JOEL K. JR., October 2
 Glick, Samuel S. (Katie K. Stoltzfus) 99 Quarry Rd., Leola, a daughter BENA, October 13
 Glick, Stephen R. (Rachel Beiler) Leola R1, a daughter SADIE B., October 4
 Kauffman, Daniel S. (Lizzie Esh) Strasburg R1, a daughter SARAH, September 18
 Kauffman, Jacob E. (Fannie Stoltzfus) Christiana R1, a son SAMUEL, October 14
 King, Alvin (Malinda Stoltzfus) Narvon R2, a son JONAS, October 10
 King, David B. (Lizzie Smoker) 1929 Horseshoe Rd., Lancaster, a son ISAAC D., October 31
 King, Levi S. (Sylvia S. Lapp) Lititz R3, a son JOHN L., October 16
 Lantz, Aquilla (Sylvia King) Strasburg R1, a son AMOS, October 14
 Lapp, Aaron S. (Sarah Lapp) 172 Yost Rd., Gordonville R1, a son CHRISTIAN B., Sept. 18
 Lapp, Amos E. (Rebecca Ebersol) Paradise, a son MERVIN, October 18
 Lapp, Jonathan G. (Lydia Mae Stoltzfus) Narvon R2, a son LEON SOL, October 15
 Petersheim, Daniel F. (Mary S. Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son IVAN S., October 19
 Riehl, Jacob E. (Rebecca Allgyer) Gordonville R1, a daughter LEAH MAE, October 17
 Smucker, Raymond (Sarah King) Narvon R1, a son, October 26
 Stoltzfoos, Abner F. (Barbara Stoltzfus) New Holland R1, a son STEPHEN, October 1
 Stoltzfus, Amos K. (Rachel Beiler) Gap R1, a daughter NAOMI LYNN, October 19
 Stoltzfus, Amos N. (Sarah Stoltzfus) 2116 Pequea Lane, Lancaster, a son JOHN, October 12
 Stoltzfus, Benuel (Lydia Petersheim) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son JACOB S., October 23
 Stoltzfus, Eli K. (Mima Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a daughter REBECCA, October
 Stoltzfus, Eli S., Jr. (Mary Riehl) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son BENJAMIN, October 2
 Stoltzfus, Jacob S. Jr. (Nancy B. Miller) Christiana R1, a daughter MARY M., October 28
 Stoltzfus, John D. (Katie Smucker) New Holland R1, twin sons LEON S. and LEROY S., Oct. 8
 Stoltzfus, John J. (Ada Glick) Honey Brook R1, a son DANIEL G., October 23
 Stoltzfus, John K. (Rachel Fisher) Christiana R1, a daughter RACHEL, October 9
 Stoltzfus, John U. (Katie K. Esh) Honey Brook R2, a daughter SYLVIA, October 24
 Stoltzfus, Jonas (Amanda Esh) Gap R1, a son SAMUEL, October 17
 Stoltzfus, Joseph S. (Fannie S. Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1, a daughter MARY S., October 27
 Stoltzfus, Samuel F. (Lydia F. Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1, a son CHRISTIAN K., October 3
 Stoltzfus, Stephen (Malinda Stoltzfus) Leola R1, a daughter SUSIE S., October 16
 Stoltzfus, Stevie (Arie Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter ANNA MAE, September 24
 Zook, Ephraim G. (Sarah S. Blank) Lititz R4, a daughter KATIE B., October 24
 Zook, Wilmer (Esther Mae Stoltzfus) Narvon R1, a son JONATHAN S., October 15

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Petersheim, Valentine (Mollie Renno) a daughter LYDIA, October 15

Centre County, Pennsylvania

Stoltzfus, Daniel U. (Savilla Stoltzfus) Spring Mills, a daughter ELSIE, October 17

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Hostetler, Joseph (Nancy Peachey) Belleville, a daughter FANNIE, October 22

Kanagy, Jacob (Hannah Lapp) Belleville, a daughter MARTHA, October 26

Peachey, Sylvanus (Katie Swarey) Belleville, a son DAVID, October 1

Peight, Samuel (Annie Peachey) Belleville, a son SAMUEL, September 27

Swarey, Jacob (Ella Byler) Belleville, a son REUBEN, October 31

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Kinsinger, Roy M. (Susie Hershberger) Meyersdale R1, a son MERVIN RAY, October 16

St. Mary's County, Maryland

Stoltzfus, Amos S. (Rebecca Yoder) Mechanicsville R2, a daughter MARY, October 27

Holmes County, Ohio

Coblentz, Mr. and Mrs. Homer A., Fredericksburg R2, a daughter RUTH, October 16

Hershberger, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin, Millersburg R3, a daughter, October 6

Hostetler, Mr. and Mrs. Joe D., Fredericksburg R2, a son, October 22

Keim, Mr. and Mrs. Abe A., Millersburg R5, a daughter MIRIAM, October 20

Mast, Mr. and Mrs. Abe L., Millersburg, Star Route, a son, October 22

Mast, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel R., Mt. Eaton, a son PAUL, October 18

Mast, Mr. and Mrs. Ray E., Dundee R2, a son GLEN, October 9

Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin A., Dundee R1, a son, October 22

Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Andy J., Millersburg R1, a son

Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Henry D., Sugarcreek, a son, October 27

Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John L., Baltic R1, a daughter

Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J., Baltic R1, a son, October 23

Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Roy M., Holmesville R1, a son ALLEN, October 17

Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Simon R.J., Fredericksburg R2, a son, October 26

Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Jr., Millersburg, a son

Raber, Mr. and Mrs. Eli A. Raber, Berlin, a daughter, October 24

Raber, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas E., Millersburg R5, a son, October 2

Renner, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis, Baltic, a daughter

Schrock, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin, Baltic R1, a daughter

Troyer, Mr. and Mrs. Abe A., Fredericksburg, a son DAVID, October 9

Troyer, Mr. and Mrs. Levi J., Apple Creek R1, a son ANDY, October 12

Troyer, Mr. and Mrs. Levi J., Millersburg R5, a son, October 21

Troyer, Mr. and Mrs. Mose L., Millersburg R4, a daughter ELLA, October 11

Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel, Sugarcreek, a daughter, October 10

Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Eli D., Apple Creek R1, a daughter ANNA, October 5

Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel A., Baltic R1, a son

Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel N., Baltic R1, a daughter

Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A., Millersburg R5, a daughter, October 2

Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Levi, Fresno R2, a daughter

Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Levi J., Millersburg R5, a son

Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Malva J., Sugarcreek, a daughter, October 10

Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, Apple Creek, a son, October 24

Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Roman, Millersburg R3, a daughter, October 11

Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Roy L., Baltic R1, a daughter SARAH, October 2

Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman, Millersburg, a daughter

Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Harry, Apple Creek R1, a daughter RUTH, October 13

Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. John E., Apple Creek R1, a son RAYMOND, October 16

Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy, Dundee a son, October 4

Adams County, Indiana

Graber, Chris J. (Mary Lambright) Geneva R2, a son, October 21

Graber, John J. (Barbara Hilty) Bryant R1, a daughter MARTHA, October 14

Schwartz, Amos (Elizabeth Wengerd) Geneva R1, a daughter VERENA

Schwartz, Carl N. (Emma Wickey) Monroe R1, a daughter JUDY, October 14

Schwartz, John P. (Rachel Graber) Geneva R1, a son, October 21

Schwartz, Levi O. (Barbara Wickey) Berne R1, a daughter CHRISTINE, October 11

Arthur, Illinois

Beachey, Ervin (Kathryn Plank) a daughter ROSE MARY, October (in IW service at Kalona, I.)

Chupp, Harvey L. (Mary Otto) a daughter BARBARA SUSAN, October 8

Herschberger, Cris C. (Pannie Kaufman) a daughter AMANDA, October

Herschberger, Eli (Ruby Yoder) a daughter TREVA, October 4

Miller, Harvey (Ada Otto) a daughter BARBARA ANN, October 11

Otto, Jerry (Anna Marie Chupp) a son, October 10

BIRTHS, continued

Daviess County, Indiana

Knepp, Melvin (Wilma Graber) a daughter MALINDA KAY, October 20
 Wagler, John (Martha Knepp) a son DENNID LEE, October 24
 Wagler, John (Rosanna Graber) a son JESSE, October 25

LaGrange County, Indiana

Bontrager, Alton (Carolyn Miller) Shipshewana R1, a daughter WANITA KAY, September 18
 Bontrager, Glenn (Glenna Troyer) Goshen R1, a daughter KETHRYN DELORES, October 8
 Burkholder, Ezra (Elsie Mast) in service, a son ANDREW, September 10
 Graber, Daniel (Joanna Troyer) Shipshewana, a daughter IVA JEAN, September 5
 Hershberger, Leroy (Wilma Hochstedler) Shipshewana R2, a daughter MARLENE, September 28
 Kuhns, Alvin (Verna Lehman) Shipshewana R2, a daughter LIZZIE ARLENE, September 12
 Mast, Ora (Wilma Yoder) Topeka R1, a son ANDREW, September
 Miller, Christy (LeAnna Miller) Topeka R2, a son DELMER C., September 27
 Miller, Daniel (Inez Yoder) Shipshewana R2, a daughter MARY EILENE, September 23
 Miller, Harley and Elizabeth, LaGrange R1, a daughter LEANNA E., September 10
 Miller, Levi R. (Malinda Miller) Goshen R1, a daughter REBECCA, September
 Miller, Orva (Elizabeth Mast) LaGrange R4, a son MERVIN, September
 Miller, Perry C. (Esther Schmucker) Millersburg, a son DEAN, August
 Miller, Wilbur (Mary Barkman) Ligonier R2, a daughter SHARON ELAINE, October 7
 Raber, Mahlon (Freida Hostetler) Middlebury R1, a son MAYNARD M., September 1
 Schrock, Daniel (Katie Schrock) twins EDWIN DEAN and EDNA IRENE, September 18
 Schrock, Ora L. (Mary Lambright, Middlebury R1, a daughter WILMA, October 22
 Schrock, William L. (Millie Mast) Topeka R1, a daughter MARY, October 23
 Yoder, Ervin (Amanda Miller) Shipshewana R2, a son BEN E., September 19
 Yoder, Harry (Sue Beachy) Millersburg, a daughter INEX H., September 9
 Yoder, William (Glada Eash) Shipshewana R2, a son RONNY RAY, September 1

BAPTISMS

Daviess County, Indiana

By Bishop Joe L. Graber, September 6
 Lydia, daughter of Henry L. Graber; Rosanna, daughter of Amos Stoll; Abraham, son of Nick Graber; and Verlin, son of Abraham Knepp.

LaGrange County, Indiana

By Bishop Abe A. Yoder, September 13
 William, son of Levi W. Bontragers; Perry, son of Amos R. Bontragers; Wilbur, son of Freeman D. Eashes; Ada, daughter of Ben C. Millers; Annabelle, daughter of Daniel and the late Polly Troyer; and Freida, daughter of Harley E. Millers.
 By Bishop Clemence Miller, September 13
 Glenn, son of Lloyd J. Millers; Wilma, daughter of Harley E. Bontragers; and Anna Mae, daughter of Levi S. Schrocks.
 By Bishop Eli Yoder of Nappanee, in Pete Miller District, September 20
 Esther and Edna, daughters of Will L. Yoders; Susan, daughter of Elvie Fries; Ruby, daughter of Olen Wingards; and Anna Marie, daughter of Andrew Rabers.

MARRIAGES

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

October 27, Roman, son of Pre. Sam Kauffman of Lebanon Co. and Mary, daughter of Abe Weavers of McAlisterville, by Jacob Stoltzfus, uncle of the groom.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

October 22, Katie, daughter of Crist and Leah Renno and Floyd, son of Pete and Dora Yoder of Somerset Co., Pa., by Bishop Tobias Petersheim.
 October 27, Hettie, daughter of Jacob and Lizzie Kanagy and Samuel, son of Abram Z. and Katie Peachey, by Bishop Emanuel K. Peachey.
 October 29, Lizzie, daughter of Jonas and Nancy Yoder and Steven, son of Noah and Leah Kanagy, by Bishop Joshua Renno.

Holmes County, Ohio

October 15, Harry, son of Joe Hostetlers, Holmesville and Katie, daughter of Joe Hershbergers, Dundee.
 October, Henry, son of Eli Masts, Fresno and Amanda, W. Troyer, Sugar Creek.
 October, 22, Fred, son of Henry J. Hershbergers, Apple Creek and Lovina, daughter of Pre. Reuben R. Millers, Holmesville.
 October 15, Eli, son of Abe L. Rabers, Millersburg and Barbara, daughter of Bishop Sol L. Weaver, Fredericksburg.
 October 17, Albert, son of John Hochstetlers and Lydia, daughter of Mrs. Menno Beachy.
 October, Levi, son of Ben Millers, Dalton and Clara, daughter of Milo Yoders, Star Route, Millersburg.

Marriages, continued

October 27, Wyman, son of Mrs. Jake Coblentz and Amanda, daughter of John J. Yoders, Holmesville.

October, Simon Jr., son of Simon Wengerss, Millersburg and Katie Ann, daughter of Jacob M. Millers, Fredericksburg

October, Emma, daughter of Eli M. Masts and Eli, son of Noah N. Yoders.

October, Mary, daughter of Joe Coblentzs Jr. and Aden, son of Benjamin Rabers.

October 29, Freeman, son of Demas Mast Jrs, Apple Creek and Effie, daughter of Mose S. Millers, Fredericksburg



LaGrange County, Indiana

October 15, Alvin, son of Daniel Lambrights, Wolcottville and Marcia, daughter of Henry Hochstetler, Middlebury.

September 17, Lavern, son of Lloyd and Anna Mae Miller and Polly Anna, daughter of Abe and Lydiann Lehman.

October 8, Samuel, son of Bishop Henry N. and Molly (Bontrager) Miller and Mary Ellen, daughter of Deacon Elvie and Ida Mae (Miller) Lehman, by the groom's father.

October 15, Orley, son of Ora and Ida (Christner) Eash and Lydia Mae, daughter of Ammon Yoders, Goshen, Indiana.

October 22, William L., son of Levi W. and Ruby (Miller) Bontrager and Annabelle, daughter of Daniel and the late Polly (Graber) Troyer, by Bishop John D. Troyer.

October 22, Delbert J. Stutzman of Arthur, Illinois and Wilma, daughter of Min. Harley E. and Mary (Slabach) Bontrager.

October 21, Ray, son of Henry S. and the late Edna (Christner) Whetstone and Martha Ellen, daughter of the late Chris and Mrs. Helmuth.

October 29, Perry, son of Yost S. and Katie (Hershberger) Lehman and Fannie, daughter of Amos D. and the late Esther (Eash) Bontrager.

October 29, Alvin S., son of Min. Sam J. and Mabel (Schlabach) Miller and Mary, daughter of Sam J. and Anna (Bontrager) Schrock.

Adams County, Indiana

October 2, Lydia E. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Troyer, Berne R1 and Ben, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos A. Eicher, Berne R2.

October 29, Emma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Hilty, Berne R1 and Leander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob E. Schwartz, Berne R2.

Daviess County, Indiana

October 29, Nickolas, son of Nick and Ida Graber and Anna, daughter of Nick and Katie Graber, by Bishop Ben E. Wagler.

Artbur, Illinois

September 3, Harley W., son of Min, William and Katiean (Beachey) Miller and Martha Ann, daughter of Eli J. and Fannie (Diener) Gingerich.

October 1, Willis H., son of Henry M. and Gertrude (Jess) Schrock and Ida A., daughter of Andy J. and Anna S. (Brenneman) Miller.

October 6, Levi S., son of Sam H. and Verne E. (Yoder) Miller and Irene R., daughter of Rudy D. and Lizabeth (Miller) Otto.

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada

October 1, Peter, son of Abner and Katie (Graber) Wagler and Sylvia, daughter of Eli and Amanda (Miller) Hostetler.

ANNUAL I-W MEETING

Dover, Delaware

The fourth annual I-W meeting was held at the home of John J. Yoder, Dover, Delaware, October 28, 1970. 135 registered outside of Delaware, about 200 were present.

The meeting was opened with introduction to prayer by Bishop John M. Beiler, Ronks R1, Pa., followed by silent prayer. The formal minutes were read by David Swartz, New Haven, Indiana and treasury accounts were given and explained by Noah S. Wengerd, Berne, Indiana.

The meeting was then conducted by Andrew Kinsinger, Gordonville R1, Pa. He explained the lottery system of calling drafted boys, 2-C deferments are obsolete since April 23, 1970. Boys must be employed on farms or agricultural work to be eligible to render their service on an Amish church farm. Farms are readily available for boys who are sincere and conscientiously opposed to military work and also to serving in public places as hospitals and other public works.

A guideline for distance from home to farm is 50 miles, although this should be worked out with the local board. Hardship deferments are available. If chairman has birthdate of registrant he can determine the approximate time of calling.

The afternoon was open to questions and answers. Each one was consulted to counsel and a complete unity was expressed by voice. Meeting was closed with prayer by Bishop Christian M. Fisher, Ronks R1, Pennsylvania.

On October 5, 1970, the Lancaster County, Pa. Diener Fersammlung was held at the home of Deacon Jacob L. Stoltzfus of Union District. About 183 attended, 4 were missing. It was held by Aaron Esh.

ORDINATIONS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Samuel K. Zook, 46, was ordained minister, Oct. 11, N.E. Georgetown district. He is the son of Isaac and Mary Zook; his wife Annie is the daughter of Leroy and Fannie Stoltzfoos. With him in the lot were Elam H. Beiler, Enos P. King, David B. King, Reuben B. Fisher, Benuel B. Fisher, Ira S. Beiler, and Daniel B. Petersheim.

Benuel Stoltzfus, 51, was ordained deacon, Oct. 12, in West Nine Points district. He is the son of Samuel and the late Annie Stoltzfus; his wife Rachel is the daughter of Annie and the late Enos King. With him in the lot were Joe S. Kauffman, Elam E. Lapp, Stephen M. Stoltzfus Jr., John F. King Jr., and Samuel M. Stoltzfus Jr.

Christian B. Stoltzfus, 38, was ordained minister, Oct. 12, in Conestoga district. He is the son of Emma Stoltzfus and the late Jonas Stoltzfus; his wife Rebecca is the daughter of Rebecca Stoltzfus and the late Benuel B. Stoltzfus. With him in the lot were Amos M. Stoltzfus, Benuel S. King, Joseph E. Smucker, Jonas B. Stoltzfus, Benuel S. Lapp, Jesse L. Esh, Daniel B. Stoltzfus Jr., and Jacob C. King.

Joseph S. Fisher, 31, was ordained minister, Oct. 15, in North East Upper Pequea district. He is the son of Samuel S. and Elizabeth Fisher; his wife Lizzie is the daughter of Pre. David S. and Bena Glick. With him in the lot were Gideon B. Stoltzfus, Daniel L. Stoltzfus, Chester S. Stoltzfus, Jonas E. Fisher, Isaac S. Fisher, and Stephen U. Fisher.

Amos B. Lapp, 37, was ordained deacon, Oct. 16, in West Lower Millcreek district. He is the son of David and the late Sarah Lapp; his wife Mattie is a daughter of Gideon B. and Annie Stoltzfus. With him in the lot were Daniel Z. Fisher, Bennie B. Fisher, Elias S. King, Eli R. King, Amos K. King, Henry S. Zook, and David K. Lantz.

Aaron J. Glick, 49, was ordained deacon, Oct. 17, in East Millcreek district. He is the son of the late John and Susan Glick; his wife Mary is a daughter of Samuel and the late Annie Stoltzfus. With him in the lot were Aaron E. Beiler, Noah B. Lapp, John L. Stoltzfoos, Samuel M. Fisher, Christian S. King, Menno R. Stoltzfus, and Ben S. Ebersol.

Benjamin E. Kauffman Jr., 39, was ordained deacon, Oct. 18, in East Nine Points district. He is the son of Pre. Benjamin and the late Rachel Kauffman; his wife is a daughter of John and Barbara Esh. With him in the lot were Eli P. Esh, John K. Blank, Samuel M. Stoltzfus, John L. Beiler, Elam F. King, and David K. Fisher.

LaGrange County, Indiana

Alton E. Bontrager, 34, was ordained minister, Oct. 27, in Enos Troyer's East Clinton district. He is the son of Eli and Anna Bontrager; his wife Arlene is a daughter of Bishop Milo J. K. and the late Alma Miler. They have 2 small children - address is Middlebury R1.

Lewis Hostetler was ordained minister, Nov. 1, in Pete Miller's south district. He is the son of Joe Hostetlers of Arthur, Illinois; his wife Elizabeth is a daughter of Eli and Anna Bontrager. They have 6 children - address is Shipshewana R1, Indiana.

Vernon Miller was ordained deacon, Nov. 1, in Southwest Barrens district. He is the son of the late John J. K. and Sylvia (Miller) Miller; his wife Iva is a daughter of Pre. Cobe M. Troyers - address is Shipshewana R2, Indiana.

Arthur, Illinois

William A. Mast, 45, was ordained minister, Oct. 11, in Menno S. Miller's north district. He is married to Maryan, daughter of Joni Planks.

Amos D. Otto, 44, was ordained minister, Oct. 11, in Cris E. Otto's south district. He is married to Katie daughter of Menno A. Dienners. He is the son of Dan E. Otto.

Henry H. Miller, 44, was ordained bishop in Obed Diener's district. He is the son of Adlia Millers. Ordination was Oct. 11.

Levi C. Otto, 33, was ordained deacon, Oct. 18. He is the son of Cris E. Otto; his wife Dorothy is a daughter of Menno J. Chupp.

John E. Otto, 43, was ordained deacon, Oct. 25. He is the son of Eli M. Otto; his wife Barbara is a daughter of the late Sol and Maryan Beachey.

Holmes County, Ohio

Andy Keim, 34, son of Mose Keims, was ordained minister, Oct. 4, in Sol Weaver district.

Levi Miller, 36, son of Pre. Raymond Miller, was ordained minister, Oct. 11, in Roy Miller district.

ORDINATIONS, continued

Roy E. Miller, 26, was ordained minister, Oct. 11, in Amy Weaver district. He is the son of Eli Miller.
 Ervin A. Schlabach, 42, was ordained minister, Oct. 11, in Joe Hershberger district.
 Jacob J. Beachy, 35, was ordained minister, Oct. 11, in Levi Hochstetler district.
 Norman J. Troyer, 23, was ordained minister, Oct. 11, in Milo Miller district.
 Melvin Miller, 27, son of Sam M. Miller, was ordained deacon, Oct. 11 in Joe Yoder dist.

ANNUAL AMISH LIABILITY AID MEETING

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Minutes of the 4th annual Amish Liability Aid meeting, held at the home of John I. Smoker, Myerstown R2, Pa. on Tuesday, August 11, 1970:

All the committeemen and Directors were present except four. The meeting started about 9:40 a.m. Standard time with introduction and silent meditation, followed by brief testimony from the committeemen. Elam S. and Amos R. Stoltzfus of St. Mary Co., Joshua Renno and Ezra J. Kanagy of Belleville, David M. and Elam G. Lapp were also present. Ezra J. Kanagy was voted as Committeeman by secret ballot to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Joshua P. Renno.

Jonas L. Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, John K. Esh, Kirkwood R1, Christ K. Stoltzfus, Spring Mills R2, John Z. Ebersol, Christiansa R1, and Amos K. King, Gordonville R1, were confirmed by the Committee as Directors.

The financial and reimbursement figures were given by the Secretaries, which showed during the period of Aug. 12, 1969 to this date, the Secretaries made reimbursement payments to 13 liable cases, amounting to figures that required a collection, the Directors were advised to collect \$9.00 from each enrolled member and have this collection in the hands of the Secretaries by Aug. 25th.

The meeting was adjourned by prayer, near 4:00 p.m. Standard time.

OBITUARIES

Beiler, Dena N. (Yoder) Beiler, 70, of Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa.

died Tuesday, October 20, at Lancaster General Hospital after a stay of two weeks. She was the widow of Aaron L. Beiler, known as "Rhymie Aaron", and spent a number of years since his death at the County Home. She spent the week-ends with the church folks and attended church services whenever health permitted. She was born in Ohio. She is survived by 4 brothers, Benjamin Yoder of Florida, David Yoder of Plain City, Ohio, Samuel Yoder of Millersburg, Ohio, and John Yoder of Baltic, Ohio. Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 22 at the home of Noah B. Lapp; Burial was in Myers Cemetery.

Beiler, Lizzie, 44, wife of John Y. Beiler, Bird-in-Hand R1, Pennsylvania

died Tuesday, October 13, at Osteopathic Hospital, after an illness of two weeks. Death was due to natural causes. Born in Upper Leacock Twp., she was a daughter of Daniel K. and Katie Y. (Beiler) Blank, Leola R1. In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by four sons, Daniel, Amos, David, and Aaron, all at home; three sisters, Fannie, wife of Elias Beiler; Anna, wife of Omar Beiler, and Miss Susie Blank, all of Leola R1. Funeral services were held by Lloyd Beiler and Elam A. Beiler; Hymn read by Deacon Aaron M. Beiler; Burial in Beilers Cemetery.

Fisher, Infant daughter of Ammon F. and Rebecca K. (Glick) Fisher, Ronks R1, Pa.
 died Monday, Oct. 12 at Osteopathic Hospital, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Hochstetler, Perry L., 71, of Shipshewana R2, Indiana

died Thursday, September 3, in his home following an illness of six months. He was born in Nappanee August 19, 1899, and had lived in the Shipshewana area since 1942. He was married December 9, 1924 to Pennole Boley, who survives. Also four sons, Lester of LaGrange, LeRoy of Shipshewana, Raymond at home and Emil of Goshen; five daughters, Mrs. Alvin Gingerich of Shipshewana, Mrs. Jacob Beachy of Millersburg, Ohio, Mrs. Otis Kuhn of Nappanee, Mrs. George Masterton of White Pigeon, Mich., and Mrs. Verna Blabock; five sisters, Mrs. Amos Chupp of Shipshewana, Mrs. David Miller, Mrs. Milo Miller and Clesta Hochstetler, all of Nappanee, and Mrs. Albert Hershberger of Walnut Creek, Ohio; two brothers, Orr of Nappanee and Monroe of Paraguay; several grandchildren, and several great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Roman Slabach home, north of Shipshewana, by Bishop Clemens Miller of Shipshewana; Burial was in the East Barrens Cemetery.

Keim, Dan L. 69, of Goshen R1, Indiana

died Thursday, September 17, in the Fountain View Nursing Home in Elkhart where he was resided the past year. He was born in Haven, Kansas, August 20, 1901. He moved to the Goshen area a year ago from Yoder, Kansas. He was married January 30, 1930 to Anna Miller who survives. Also one son, Roy D. of Goshen R1; two grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Leander (Mattie) Keim of Haven, Kansas; three brothers, Jonas and Enos, both of Haven, and Menno of Garnett, Kansas; and three sisters, Mrs. Harvey (Lena) Borntrager and Emma Keim, both of Haven, and Mrs. Anna Helmuth, of Partridge, Kansas. Funeral services were held at the Noah Mullett home; Burial was in the Miller Cemetery at Topeka.

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OCTOBER 1870						
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Prices from a Farm Ledger of 1870:

Charght for 25 pound beaf, 3.50; To 2½ Days Husking Corn, 3.43; To 2½ Days Husking Corn, 2.81; Charght for 6 bushel corn, 4.50; Charght for 9 pound Meat, 1.26; Charght for 10 pound butter, 3.30; Charght for 6 bushel potato, 3.00.

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania by Eli S. King, Elam S. Beiler and Levi L. Stoltzfus

Total rainfall for East Intercourse area was 6 inches. The first half of the month we had fairly nice weather, with temperatures in the low sixties and seventies. On the 5th and 17th we had a light frost. Latter part of the month was cooler with almost continually south or east wind along with quite a lot of rain.

Most of corn picking is over now with record or near record yield this year. Blight in this area was mostly leaf blight which came when ears were fairly well matured. Very little fodder is harvested yet due to wet weather. Some fourth cutting alfalfa went into barns earlier this month which was a light crop due to a dry September. Most of the winter wheat was sowed prior to Oct. 10 and is well started now.

The rainfall for Bareville area was 3.9 inches. Farm prices: Potatoes, \$2.50 - 3.00 cwt.; Hay, alfalfa, \$40. to 45. Ton; Mixed hay, 22. to 35. Ton; Straw, 29. to 45. Ton; Ear Corn, 25. to 30. Ton; Shell Corn, 1.52 Bu.; Oats, .80 Bu; Wheat, 1.57 Bu; Barley, 1.10 Bu.; Fat Hogs, 17.50 to 19.00 Cwt.; 40 lb. shoats, .32 lb.; Veal, 52. Cwt.; Fat Steers, 27. to 37. Cwt. A load of fresh and springing Vermont cows, \$520. to 590. a head at New Holland.

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

October was unusually mild. We have as yet had no killing frost and only a few light frosts. A few people are getting fresh peas from the garden.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania by David Y. Renno

Total rainfall was 5.2 inches. We didn't have our usual October's bright blue weather. From the 7th on throughout the month it was mostly cloudy and an east wind with sometimes only a half day of sunshine. We had our first light frost on the 5th and no killing frost yet. Flowers are still blooming and grass is green yet. Fall foliage did not get very colorful this year.

Snyder County, Pennsylvania by S. M. Troyer

Corn is mostly all picked, had nice picking weather the first week and a half. On the 15th we had 1 inch of rain then it turned cold. The morning of the 17th it was 32 degrees. Frost was showing but it didn't completely freeze the tomatoes in the garden because one can still find one here and there to eat. The middle of the next week we had 3 inches of rain, starting the winter springs. On the 30th it rained continuously all night, and the next day it rained ½ inch till 10:00 a.m. The 31st, opening day of the small game season started out a drizzly day.

Centre County, Pennsylvania by Henry F. Beiler

We had a lot of damp and rainy weather and two light frosts. A few farmers are done husking corn but there are still quite a few acres to husk. Wheat and barley fields are nice and green. Fall plowing has started.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania by Catherine Swarey

October had many cloudy, hazy days, very little "October bright blue weather," lowest temperature was 30 degrees; no killing frost yet; 5.3 inches of rain. Corn husking is nearly finished. Weddings are already on the go.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania by Abe S. Kinsinger

Real nice weather with plenty of moisture to start fall grain. Corn is mostly husked and most of it yielded a good crop. As always a lot of building and repair work is going on this time of the year.

St. Mary's County, Maryland by Amos R. Stoltzfus

Beautiful fall weather every day up to the 15th, then a rainy spell, a thunderstorm and some cold, windy weather. Not exactly cold, but 35 degrees is chilly at least. The 18th and 19th were nice again, then it was cloudy the remainder of October with occasional showers but mild temperatures. Fields are nice and green from fall seeding. Farmers are enjoying a pressure release, and are catching up with odd jobs and rainy day jobs. Woods are at their height in autumn colors, no frost reported yet.

Holmes County, Ohio by David E. Miller

We are having fog and rain for the third day, now temperature is 60 some this morning (Oct. 31) and still foggy and drizzling. No killing frost yet on the ridge where we live. Farmers are still husking corn but most of it is husked. Places where they use heavy equipment to pick corn they can hardly get into their fields on account of soft ground. Apples are plentiful, also pears. Sweet cider is selling for around 80 to 90 cents a gallon. When I worked at the cider press 50 years ago we sold cider for 10 cents a gallon and made cider for 2½ to 3 cents a gallon. Now they get 7 and 8 cents. But it's not as much difference as in buying bread, we used to pay 7 cents now it's 39 to 40 cents a loaf. Quite a few Amish women bake bread and put it in the local stores and they get 45 cents a loaf.

Fredericksburg, Ohio by Mrs. Christian S. Petersheim

Corn husking is on the way with some early birds finished. Lot of rainy weather this month, also a lot of fog in mornings. Had frosts a couple mornings but not real killers as the weeds are growing nicely yet.

LaGrange County, Indiana by Ervin D. Hochstetler

Corn is about average this year with just a little blight damage. Quite a lot to husk yet but a few farmers are done. We had about 3.2 inches of rain in October and a lot of nice days, no snow yet.

Daviess County, Indiana by Lester Marner

We have had adequate rainfall in October. Most of the corn is harvested. Some of the wheat wasn't sown due to rain. Hogs are down to \$15.50.

Arthur, Illinois by Menno A. Dienner

October 1 through 8 was cool. We had 2½ inches of rain the first half of the month. First killing frost was Oct. 16. The last half was rather damp with another 2 inches of rain. Corn harvest was delayed somewhat, but most of the corn has been harvested. Crop was rather light in some fields and quality not so good, yield range from 40 to 120 bu.

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada by LeRoy Eicher

Our total rainfall for October was 5¼ inches. Some corn is being husked. On account of the wet weather the progress is kind of slow.

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Miller, Mrs. Anna, 81, of Millersburg R4, Ohio

died Friday, October 16, in her home after a long illness. She was born in Kansas, a daughter of Noah and Barbara (Bontrager) Yoder. Her husband, Jacob A., died in 1955. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Menno (Sovilla) Otto of Uniontown, Mrs. Eli H. (Lizzie) Weaver of Holmesville, Mrs. Eli P. (Mattie) Erb of Fredericksburg and Mrs. Sam E. (Barbara) Miller of the home; a son, Harvey Miller of Massillon; two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Schrock of Indiana and Mrs. H. R. (Susan) Schrock of Oregon; five brothers, Jacob and Tobe Yoder of Oregon, John and Manass of Kansas and Mose of Millersburg R5; 20 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held by Bishop Joe Hershberger; Burial was in the Hostetler family cemetery in Berlin Township.

Petersheim, Amos, 81, of 233 Miller Street, Strasburg, Pennsylvania

died Wednesday, October 21, after a lengthy illness at the residence of Aaron M. Fisher, a grandson, where he made his home for the past 20 years. Born in Leacock Twp. he was a son of the late Samuel and Lydia (Lapp) Petersheim. His first wife, Suvilla Stoltzfus, died in 1926. He is survived by his second wife, Rebecca (Beiler) Petersheim, and a daughter, Leah, wife of John A. Fisher, Strasburg; also his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Stoltzfus, Elverson R2, nine grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. Burial was in Millwood Cemetery.

Stoltzfus, Fannie D., 91, wife of Jacob K. Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, Pennsylvania

died Tuesday, October 27, at the Brooks Convalescent Home where she had been a patient since April, 1969. A native of Leacock Twp., she was a daughter of John and Mattie Dienner Ebersol. Her husband survives. Funeral services were held by Amos S. Beiler and Elam B. Stoltzfus; Hymn read by Jacob B. Lapp; Burial at Beilers Cemetery, Ronks.

Stoltzfus, Infant son of Levi E. and Barbara K. (Beiler) Stoltzfus, of Ronks R1, Penna.

died Sunday, October 18, at the General Hospital where he was born seven hours earlier. Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Annie and Sallie; five brothers, John, Henry, Levi, Samuel, and Benjamin, all at home; paternal grandparents, Benjamin and Emma (Stoltzfus) Fisher, of Gordonville R1; maternal grandparents, Henry D. and Annie (King) Beiler, Lancaster R4; and the maternal great-grandparents, Daniel and Barbara (King) Smoker, Ronks R1. Funeral services were held Oct. 19, by Jonas S. Beiler and Christ Lapp at the house, by John M. Beiler and Amos Lapp at the cemetery; Burial in Beiler's Cemetery at Ronks.

Zook, Infant son of Joshua and Lydia (King) Zook, Quarryville R3, Pennsylvania

died Wednesday, October 14, in Lancaster General Hospital. Surviving in addition to the parents, are the grandparents, Jacob A. and Rachel (Stoltzfus) King and Joshua and Nancy (Beiler) Zook. Graveside services were held by Deacon Jacob A. King at Georgetown.

Danksgiving Tag

Der Sommer von 1970 war ein
sehr fruchtbarer Zeit. Es hat sich ge-
wundert und ich frei, von und und
Frucht gewonnen, und eingekauft
manche bis in die Zukunft fest überfließen.

Ich und Dankbar sein darf.

Es ist eine schöne voll Lebens-frucht
bekannt mit großer Lust. Aber es mußten
sich viele Leute auf, zu fallen und zu
und eine neue Saison sein. Dazu ist sich
frei und Kraft erhalten worden. Es scheint
ich ein mitteilender Geist noch bei mir ist.

Das wollen wir ausdrücklich Dankbar sein darf.
Der gültige Gott im Himmel hat mich
viele Jahre mit großem christlichem Geist.
Die frühen Jahre sind erhalten worden
und alle die Jahre werden. Die letzten
manche erhalten mit vielen Leben und
mit fröhlichen und klugen Lieder zu singen.
O! Ich den Gott loben und danke ausdrücklich.

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Der 136 Psalm.

Lob und Dankpsalm fur gottliche Wunder und Wohlthaten.

1. Lobt den Herren inniglich,
Freundlich er erzeiget sich
Seine grosze gütigkeit
Währet bis in ewigkeit.
2. Lobet Gott mit reichen schall,
Er ist Gott der götter all;
Seine grosze gütigkeit
Währet bis in ewigkeit.
3. Lobt den Herren allgemein,
Grosze wunder thut allein,
Dessen grosze gütigkeit
Währet bis in ewigkeit.
4. Lobet ihn, und thut ihm ehr,
Er ist aller herren Herr;
Seine grosze gütigkeit
Währet bis in ewigkeit.
5. Der den himmel hat formirt,
Künstlich und sehr schon geziert;
Seine grosze gütigkeit
Währet bis in ewigkeit.
6. Der da hat die erden weit
Uebers wasser ausgebreit;
Seine grosze gütigkeit
Währet bis in ewigkeit.
7. Der da hat das schöne licht
An dem himmel zugericht;
Seine grosze gütigkeit
Währet bis in ewigkeit.
8. Der dem tag ein licht zu seyn,
Schuf die sonn mit ihrem schein;
Seine grosze gütigkeit
Währet bis in ewigkeit.
9. Der den mond und sternen macht
Furzustehn der finstern nacht;
Seine grosze gütigkeit
Währet bis in ewigkeit.

THE AMISH BOOK COMMITTEE

A Capable and Successful Committee

Most church organizations are successful, but some fail and this may be due to lack of leadership or cooperation from fellowmen or, above all to Divine Guidance or Spiritual Powers. The old saying "The biggest enemy of the church is within itself," is never more true or more visible than when something is to be set up like this book plan however beneficial it is intended to be. All good things become criticized at one time or another. This may come from some who though well-meaning do not understand and a minority never approve to any organizing in the church at all. Although we have nothing on record of this, regarding the beginning of this book committee, we are not left to believe there was none, because there always is. However it was, there must have been sufficient Spiritual Power in back of this new book plan to outdo all those evils.

Jacob Lapp was born July 25, 1846 in Leacock Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa. He was a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Beiler) Lapp and was married to Elizabeth Lapp. They lived on a farm along the Old Philadelphia Road, a block east of Weavertown, where Stephen Stoltzfus now lives.

In later years this farm was divided, then they moved to the new buildings on the south east corner of Old Philadelphia Road and Weavertown Road. In 1902 Jacob Lapp was ordained a minister. He was chosen from a lot of sixteen. Although he had no children he had a deep and affectionate love for children which was often obvious by their love for him, and he probably taught as many children as most fathers do. He taught German classes at his home from about 1911 to 1916. By doing this he did not win favor from everyone but neither did he seek favor nor honor. If he could teach children all was right.

From a copy of a Minister's Manual, written by Lydia (King) Lapp. "Die andre im los waren: Daniel Esh, Stephen Esh, Jacob Esh, Eli Kauffman, David Fisher, Benjamin S. Beiler, Jacob W. Beiler, Christ F. Beiler, Jacob M. Lapp, David Hertzler, Samuel Esh, Isaac Smoker, Christ L. Petersheim, John B. Stoltzfus, and Daniel S. Fisher."

... and with meekness and touched many souls. ... and won cases of special occasion. ... Stephen was ... They lived on a farm in Upper Leacock ... until they moved to Maryland.² In 1907 ... he stood before the congregation but from ... a sermon of authority. It is said his aim was to gain ... the point to the audience before ... special occasion as baptism, marriage, or communion services, when ... he showed desire to make them brief, often around 15-20 minutes. He ... his position as inferior to the bishop's place, so if there was time to spare, the ... yet he covered the expected field well. He was gifted with a deep ... of the book of The Revelation, in this his message was serious and his views were ... too serious or unstable, but nevertheless it was based on scripture and his ... the bravest and boldest alike.

Christian Fisher, who often wrote his name as C. L. Fisher, was born in 1869, a son of Samuel and Barbara (Lapp) Fisher. In 1892 he was married to Rachel, daughter of John U. and Rachel (Mast) Stoltzfus. They lived on a farm about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of the Lincoln Highway off Rinks Road. He was ordained to the ministry in 1901. Christ is not remembered as a fast speaker but behind his words was a heavy set, over six foot stature. His sermon came from a sturdy mind. He was a thrifty and hard-working farmer. He raised a large family and taught his children to love the farm. Each one in time had a farm of their own except one married daughter. Three of his sons were also ordained to the ministry and Christian M., besides on the home farm is bishop of the home district. Besides farming he was also engaged in tombstone engraving. In his time he was a ready helping hand at barn raisings where he was a strong and capable standby to the boss carpenter.

None of these men had honors of high grade schooling or book educational degrees. They probably went to school a few months of the year as their parents could spare them at home. The records of Jacob Lapp show a good English penmanship. His writings have a few German script characters but this is not unusual for writers of that time. His records are neat, well-kept and very business-like, as are the records of Stephen Stoltzfus, of C. L. Fisher we have none. Thus they were taught by experience and learned well along the way. How fortunate the church was to have three such figures heading a sound book plan, to produce and supply it with its favorite book at a fraction over printing cost.

The Initiative

According to the day book it is only proper to say that Jacob Lapp was the forerunner of the Amish Book Committee. Jacob was a lover of books, especially the German. He knew the value of a good book and used it wisely, not just because he was a minister (Diener zum Buch), he also used them when teaching German classes. It is said it was not unusual for him to give a book as a present, perhaps frequently to children. It was the custom for him to have German bibles, testaments, gesang bucher in stock to keep the church supplied as needed. The German Testament and the Unpartheyisches Gesang-Buch was bought at L. B. Herr Book Store in Lancaster and printed by John Baers' Sons of the same place. One day when Jacob went to Lancaster for a new supply he was informed that due to a fast dwindling demand for these German books, they may not be printed again. He at once contacted the Baers' printers where he was told that they consider closing out their printing business and the plates may be junked. No other firm was now printing these books and after some fast thinking, Jacob asked if the plates could be bought and may have acquired a price on them already. The first step for him now was to take this matter up with other ministers, to counsel with the elder bishops and brothers of the nine church districts. Every careful step he took was a step in advance to buying the plates, printing, binding and storing these sacred books, to fill the needs of the church.

Before we go any further with this point, we must ask why such a declining demand for these books? Why such a rapid changeover to English? They were printed, used, tried and proven for over a century, why must it change now? The testament was a Martin Luther version and was used widely by German speaking Lutherans as well as Mennonites and Amish. The Gesang-Buch was a Mennonite book from the beginning and accepted by the Amish Church as a supplementary hymn book to be used at weddings and singings as well as in the home.³ The first edition was printed in Lancaster by Johann Albrect in 1804.⁴ It is probable that it was printed in Lancaster ever since that time although it was printed at numerous other places too. This changeover is often blamed on the ill relations between America and Germany, building a trend to put away with German in America. That was true during the period

¹ Fisher Family History, p.510, Family #3422

² see 1970 volume of THE DIARY, p.100

³ The Unpartheyisches Gesang-Buch was also frequently used in church services when the Ausbund supply was limited. In some districts the leader (vorsinger) would announce his selected page in the Ausbund then the page of the same hymn in the Gesang-Buch was given too. This was done as late as 1953.

⁴ see 1970 volume of THE DIARY, p.31

of World War I or maybe a little prior to that time. It is a known fact that some southeast Pennsylvania counties carried most of their verbal business transactions on in German at that time. During World War I the Reading Railroad made an announcement that all their employees must now speak English. Some complained that it was so hard for them to speak English, so we can see how this affected the Pennsylvania German-speaking people as a whole, but not in 1913. The Mennonite Church members were the bulk of the customers for these books. It looks like this changeover among the Mennonites at this time is what hurt the demand most. "The Herald der Wahrheit," a Mennonite German periodical was also dissolved around this time (1901) and the English "Herald of Truth" kept going.¹ Does this clear up the question?

Men like Jacob Lapp kept the German books alive in our church. He was probably told that in a few years the books will all be English anyway or that our cousins are doing fine in English so why spend \$500.00 for plates. But he didn't heed talk that wasn't logical, if the majority could produce German books just a few years ago, a minority can do it now and they did.

Here we will quote the first page of the notebook of the Amish Book Committee:

"In the year 1913 there was a demand for the old kind testament and Unpartheyisches Gesang-Buch formerly printed by John Baers' Sons but said firm went out of the book business and said German books were not published by any other party. Wishing to retain the same among our people we counceled together and called a meeting of ministers and deacons at Stephen F. Stoltzfus' on August 13, 1913 and decided to buy the plates for printing both books of John Baers' Sons for \$500.00. C. L. Fisher, Stephen F. Stoltzfus, and Jacob Lapp were appointed as a committee to buy the plates and have the books printed and bound."²

A New Book Plan in Operation

The nine church districts subscribed to the money for buying plates. This was in range from \$45. to \$65. for each district, by council from every district.

The New Era Printing Co. of Lancaster received the first contract for printing and binding the books. November 20, 1913 has a statement of 1000 each, German testament and the Gesang-Buch. They were now printed and they will bind them as needed. The cost of both books was \$.55 each and distributed to the nine districts at cost. The western districts and booksellers or all outsiders were charged an extra fee. It is interesting to note the long list of these. We will just quote a few: John P. Hostetler, Belleville, Pa.; D. M. Wengerd, Fredericksburg, Ohio; John Ebersole, Milverton, Canada; Mose Riehl (for the King Church which started a few years before this); Joni Troyer, Baltic, Ohio; John Schmucker, New Haven, Ind.; Jonas Bontrager, Haven, Kansas; Leander Keim, Haven, Kansas; E. J. Bender, Middlefield, Ohio; D. M. Burkholder and David Jantzi, Bremen, Ind.; and P. W. Swartzentruber, Dover, Del. The bookseller list is: L. B. Herr, Lancaster, Pa; The Mennonite Publishing Co., Elkhart, Ind.; L. A. Miller, Arthur, Ill.; and John A. Raber, Baltic, Ohio. Although the latter does not appear on the records until 1927, he had many previous contacts with the committee on earlier dates. Martin A. Miller of Millersburg, Ohio is on this list in 1917.

Apparently the L. B. Herr firm do all the bookbinding as it was proposed at the beginning, but they stored the printed sheets until needed. The Biscram Bindery and H. S. Front probably both of Lancaster, were the early binders. It is interesting to note that the testaments were both leather and cloth bound at slight difference in price. Perhaps the one firm would leather bind them while the other was a cloth binder. H. S. Front bound them for \$.22 each.

By 1917 we note that a new book was added to the stock of the committee, namely "Nutzliche Anweisung." "The Lustgartlein" and the "Ernsthafte Christenpflicht" followed the same year. A few "Adler Baer"s are also listed. We have no record of where they came from, it doesn't seem likely that they has these plates but may have had them printed by a job printer or maybe just purchased them from a book seller and stocked them for the church. Anyhow they were handled in lots of notable amounts.

In 1921 we take the first note of the "Ausbund." By the end of the year there was loud talk about this hymnbook and they were receiving voluntary subscriptions for printing the Ausbund. These were received from individuals ranking from \$.50 to \$4.00.

Of September 21, 1921 we have a letter from The Kutztown Publishing Co. of Kutztown, Pa. to Stephen F. Stoltzfus, written by a Chas. Esser, the manager of the firm, stating that he is now in position to intelligently give him a rate of price to plate and print their hymn book. Here he makes mention of L. A. Miller having inquired about having this book printed for him and suggest that they (the committee) should get the bulk printed, then Mr. Miller could buy them from the church committee. We also have letters from L. A. Miller to Stephen Stoltzfus as early as 10/24/21, again in 11/16/21 and quite frequently in 1922. These were contacts discussing the needs of these books and possibilities of having them printed. L. A. Miller is also taking subscriptions for printing the Ausbund and if he can

¹The "Herald der Wahrheit" was published by John F. Funk (a Mennonite minister) first in Chicago, Ill. (1864-1867) then at Elkhart, Ind. until 1901. In 1912 it was started again and published by an Amish Mennonite-Old Order Amish board. This being about half German and half English. Reference Menn. Encylo.

²This entire writing is indential to the signature of Jacob Lapp. He was the treasurer of the committee.

raise enough funds he will want 4000 copies. Different views from every angle were taken into consideration. At one time L. A. Miller would go into partnership with the committee and at another time he was consulting Scottdale to print his. A letter of 3/13/22 tells us that L. A. Miller was invited to come in and talk things over but he replies that due to sickness in the family and a good deal of work to take care of he could not come in at the present time. After some discussions and a few misgivings it was decided that the committee would have the books printed and L. A. Miller could purchase of these sheets right off the press, then he could bind them or have them bound at home.

By February 3, 1922 we have a letter from the Kutztown Publishing Co. stating that they have another 100 pages (proof material) ready to send to you and can start printing week after next. On July 21, 1922 we have a statement from Kutztown of 2000 German hymn books (Ausbund). In a January 20, 1922 letter, the Kutztown manager suggests to get these books bound by a Reading firm, that they could deliver the sheets to them, and it would be the least trouble for the committee. As far as price is concerned he feels this Reading firm would work just as cheap as the Lancaster firm. However by August 4, 1922 Wm. J. Roy was binding the Ausbund.

In 1925 the church committee was buying the "Lustgartlein" from The Mennonite Publishing House at Scottdale. By March 11, 1927 a letter states that they are getting out a new edition of "Lustgartlein"s and "Christianspflicht"s, according to your instructions. This indicates to us that they were now being slightly revised by the church committee.

From the Day Book we have another quotation of July 2, 1935 as follows:

"The supply of the Ausbund was getting low, and consulting with the Dienerversammlung, it was decided to have the Ausbund electrotyped. This was agreed upon by the 15 church districts of Lancaster Co. to pay for them." About the same time it was found in the will of Amos B. Fisher (deceased) a member of these churches (Groffdale) that he had bequeathed a large sum of money to be used as they see fit. The churches then decided to use this sum for electrotyping and printing the Ausbund. "So we contracted with the Lancaster Press to have the plates made and received them June 28, 1935. Stephen F. Stoltzfus, Christian L. Fisher, Jonas Ebersole and Aaron Esh, Book Committee."

After the initiative, this was perhaps the biggest move ever made by the committee. On October 12, 1936 is a note that the committee paid the Lancaster Press for correcting plates and printing 1000 copies and binding 508 New Testaments. On October 20, 1938 the committee paid Lancaster Press for printing 1000 family bibles.

Business Transactions

In most cases a new organization has its hardest pull or the biggest struggle at the beginning. It will not progress until a foundation is laid with stable and proven principles. As stated before, the three men to head, lead and guide this new book plan were certainly gifted for it. According to their records the business transactions were well performed. There is not one note of financial problems. They just supplied the demands of the church and the church paid for the printing. We do not have a single bank note listed in the day book--1932. In observing this fact we must consider that this book plan was in operation during the depression period. Besides church funds individual donations were consumed. Another note informs us that some money was used of a bequeathed sum willed to the church by a certain brother who died about a century ago, and it is known that a balance of this sum is still entrusted to an Upper Pequea deacon. We assume this was always directed so by the will of the church for this purpose.

In looking through the business records we must add that the committee was financially in a better position than the printer and the bookseller. From a Kutztown Publishing Co. letter we have a request to pay \$500.00 in advance. "This will pay our paper bill." From a 10/12/21 letter of L. A. Miller, Arthur, Illinois, we glean this: "I am not in the book business to accumulate wealth. I am in it to do good to the churches and it is quite a satisfaction or enjoyable work to me as we get acquainted with a great many people this way and also learn, get experience that we would not get otherwise. As you know prices have fallen to a very low price for farm crops, so it cuts me very short of funds this fall. Private money is very hard to get here at present, but out of the bank I can get all I want but would have to pay 7%." Another interesting note from his letters: "April 18/22, A few lines to let you know that we are still in the land. We are having lots of rain this spring. There is only one field of oats sowed that I know of. Our communion services will be at B. A. E. Millers till Friday. Plank had his on Monday and Sam Beachy had his on Sunday. Dan Beachy will have his next Sunday. Last Sunday old A. M. Kauffman was buried. He died quite sudden." Another note from a Miller letter: "How about the Lobsang Lied pp 770. Could you use some of these sheets extra for repairing old books. I will get the publishers (Elkhart) to print some extra as we have some call for them." "There is a little book in use in some places called 'Starbenbegrabnisz' printed by Baers' Sons. Is it still to be had? And where is the little book called Beiler book still to be had?"

Now if we assume that the book business was going at a smooth pace, we also know it was not without problems. One of these seems to be between them and the western booksellers. As stated before these book handlers were charged an extra fee to begin with besides their commission on top made them more expensive for the western brethren. Some of them became discouraged to this and ordered books directly from the committee, which of course hurt the total sales of the book sellers. In another letter, L. A. Miller complains about this bitterly

and suggests a line should be made to give him a selling territory. By another letter we find this was granted to our western booksellers - that the committee would not accept orders west of the Pennsylvania state line.

From another letter it is clear that the committee was accused of using church aims and donations for speculation. From a John Funk letter dated July 27, 1927 we have this: "I think you will find it was a mistake for you people to have the book 'Christenpflicht' electrotyped. You do not sell enough of the books to invest so much money."

In spite of these discouraging notes the book business went on at an "every year" increase of sales, because there was enough bone to the business to more than offset these attacks.

Here we have a May 23, 1927 letter from John Funk, Elkhart, Indiana saying: We have been publishing the "Lustgarnlein" and the "Christenpflicht," but we have quit publishing them, yet we have a lot on hand. I would sell them at a reasonable rate, so as to close out my business. I am ready to sell out at a reasonable price." Does this tell us he is going out of business altogether, or is this just a matter of disposing of the last Mennonite German devotional piece?

From one more source of letters we wish to quote and these are of special interest. These are of German script, a neat penmanship and they express a Russian German dialect. They come from a Western Canadian Mennonite Colony.

On July 21, 1927 D. G. Y. Dyck, McMahan, Saskatschewan, Canada begins his letter thus: "Ehrsamer freind prediger Stoltzfus." In this letter he requests some sample testaments and the price. This book if approved would also be used for school purpose and also asks for permission to be the sole distributor of the book in Canada and South Dakota. But these correspondences didn't turn out to be successful as in another letter he would like to send remittance for 26 testaments, but they don't move. "Weil sie die psalmen hinter nicht haben." He also received a complaint from a brother, Jhann Entz, from Alberta, "das in I Corinter 14 vers 11 nicht so wichtig sei denn es ist do so untentsch anstaht undentlich und so weiter." We have no further records of the committee of future book shipments to this colony.

Time of Man Runs Out

On January, 1923 word came that Jacob Lapp died. This serene call left a shocked community, a wanting church and a crippled book committee. The churches appointed Jonas Ebersole of near Monterey to his stead. Although his name does not appear on the records as a committee member until 1935, we believe this vacancy was subsidized at once.

According to the records of the day book, September 15, 1927 - paid to American Seed Co., Lancaster, Pa. for printing 3000 Christianpflicht (gebatbuch) 480 pages electrotyped - to correction and 5 new plates.

Not until 1935 do we have the signature of Aaron Esh in the day book. He was appointed as assistant to the committee making the number, four.

After the move of Stephen F. Stoltzfus to Maryland, Menno B. Fisher was appointed in his place. On November 17, 1943 Christian L. Fisher was instantly killed in a Lincoln Highway accident, leaving a vacancy where his son Amos M. was appointed to his place. On May 11, 1943 Jonas Ebersole died, then Elam B. Stoltzfoos of Groffdale was appointed to his place. In 1955 Bishop Aaron Esh resigned from the major duties of the committee and Benjamin Lantz (See 1970 Volume of THE DIARY, page 61) was appointed to his place. After the death of Amos M. Fisher, Sylvan Stoltzfus was appointed in his place. Around 1957 Elam B. Stoltzfoos resigned, then John L. Stoltzfus of Groffdale was appointed to his place. In the duration of fifty seven years eleven ministers and deacons have served on the committee. Of these Christian Fisher, Stephen F. Stoltzfus and Aaron Esh were on the longest. Christian Fisher served 30 years, Stephen Stoltzfus served 27.

Summary

We must remember that in 1913 the amount of \$500.00 was equal to \$2500 or \$3000 in land value to-day. And the money invested for the making of the Ausbund is equivalent to from \$5000 to \$6000 monies of to-day. While we are just listing two purchases there may have been one half dozen more although they were smaller ones. Contrary to occasional contradictions they proved to be wise investments. We will try to display the gain of the volume of business from year to year with the Ausbund. We will just list the printings: 1922, 2000; 1935, 2000; 1941, 2000; 1944, 3000; 1949, 3000; 1952, 3000; 1955, 3000; 1959, 4000; 1965, 4400; 1968, 5000; 1970, 6000 or a total of around 37,000 Ausbund printings. Now that we know that this is by far the biggest seller we will use this as an estimate guide to say that the total books printed and distributed by the committee may have passed the 100,000 mark. Considering that the cost of printing a book is often about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the selling price, we are well aware of the fact that this book set-up has saved the church well over ten times the initial cost in dollars and cents. This is a challenge to the German Devotional printing industry of America and truly an asset to the church.

Joseph F. Beiler, by request

Note: For additional information we find that in 1962, 4000 copies were printed making a total of 11,000 Ausbund printings.

From "Sarah E. Beiler, Writing Book" 75 years ago

Fennie Son of John and Lizzie Smoker
Died October 1, 1895. Aged 1 year 9 month 27 days

God needed one more Angel child
Amidst his shining band
And so he bent with loving smile
And clasped our darlings hand.

Aunt Salomie wife of Uncle Johnnie Beiler⁹
Died October 9, 1895. Aged 82 years 2 mo. 4 days.

Companion dear, I left you here
In Solitude and gloom and tears
But all in mercy, God has come
To take me to my Heavenly home.

Amos Son of John M. and Rebecca Stoltzfus
Died October 17, 1895 Aged 1 year 1 mo 7

Tearfull we watched him dying
Slowly the eyes lost their gleam
Soon but his form there was lying
Gone was the soul like a dream.

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past, continued from last month (page 171)

Michael Lapp Sr., a son of the immigrant John Lapp was born April 6, 1737, died in 1821 and is buried in the Gordonville Cemetery. The first records we have of Michael Lapp Sr. are listed in Berks Co. Pa. where he had some land transactions with some of his Amish neighbors without any recorded deeds, which made some confusions later on. According to the Lapp Genealogy by C. L. Lapp of 1937, Michael Lapp Sr. married a Mennonite girl in 1763, who she was is not known except that her name was Mary. They had a family of eleven children namely: (1) John Lapp Sr. born Dec. 9, 1764, died in 1815, was married to Mary Richenbach; (2) Jacob Lapp born Oct. 26, 1766, married to Margert Richenbach; (3) Barbara born June 1768, married to David Kurtz; (4) Michael Jr. born Oct. 10, 1770, died in 1801, married to Catharin Richenbach; (5) Fannie Lapp born Jan. 9, 1772; (6) Mary Lapp born June 20, 1775, married to a Kurtz; (7) David Lapp born Jan. 9, 1777, died about 1816; (8) Christian born Jan. 22, 1782; (9) Susanna Lapp born April 8, 1784, married to Henry Beiler; (10) Joseph Lapp born March 14, 1786; (11) Isaac Lapp born Sept. 6, 1788, died Sept 6, 1819. We could mention here that four of Michael Lapp's sons, John Lapp Sr., Michael Lapp Jr., David Lapp, Isaac Lapp and at least one of his son-in-laws, David Kurtz, who was married to Barbara Lapp, died before he did.

Michael Lapp with his family moved from Berks Co. Pa. to Chester Co. a few miles north of Leola where there was an Amish settlement called the Chester Valley Settlement. Just what year they moved is not known, but he was listed taxable there in 1790. It is also not known to the writer when Michael Lapp was ordained to the ministry but it is believed to have been in Berks Co. We have records of a "Diener Versammlung" in southeastern Penna. in the year 1790 where the churches ministers signed their names to a document on church discipline. The name of Michael Lapp appears at the top of the list. Also in writings of Bishop Gideon K. Stoltzfus he lists Michael Lapp as a bishop. There is also a name Hannes Lapp on the list which could be the oldest son of Michael Lapp Sr., but we have no record to make this statement a fact. Michael Lapp Sr.'s oldest son John Lapp Sr. was born in 1864, married to Mary, daughter of John Richenbach and according to tax lists they lived in the Chester Valley, Berks Co. Pa. In 1790 and 1810 he purchased two adjoining tracts of land being partly in Leacock and Lampeter twp. One tract or farm is located where Elam F. Lapp now lives, the former Jesse Lapp farm, purchased from James Knox, which contained one hundred forty-nine and one half acres. The other tract was where Stephen U. and Elam S. Fisher now live, containing one hundred eighty six acres and some perches, which was purchased from Jacob Souders. This makes a total of three hundred and thirty-three acres. This tract is now divided into several farms, including the farm of Gideon B. Stoltzfus, part or all of the farm where Abram Lapp lives and part or all of the farm where Earl Jones lives. John Lapp Sr. lived there till 1815 when he died. He is buried in the Gordonville Cemetery. His wife Mary died, and is buried in Mifflin Co. Pa., leaving eight children: John Lapp Jr. married to Fannie King, daughter of Christian King. He purchased the home farm after his father's death in 1815. John Jr. and Fannie Lapp were the parents of eight children, as follows. Jonathan Lapp married to Susan Fisher, also owned the home farm and was grandfather to the late Jesse Lapp; Isaac born 1814, died 1815; Leah married Eli Fisher (see Jan. 1970 issue of THE DIARIST); Samuel Lapp born 1810, married to Anna Stoltzfus and were grandparents to Bishop Benjamin Lapp who lives two miles north of Leola; Christian born

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1820, died 1821; John K. Lapp born 1826, married to Susan Stoltzfus, lived at Irishtown and were the great grandparents of Deacon Christian Lapp; Jacob born 1829, died 1831; Michael Lapp born 1830, married to Rebecca Lantz. Their children were Sarah married to Levi Smucker; Daniel Lapp better known as Red Dan Lapp; Fannie married to Jacob Y. Beiler of Weavertown and Rebecca married to Samuel P. Smoker; Fannie Lapp born 1832 married to Jacob Fisher, better known as "der gross Jake Fisher." Their only two daughters were married to Pre. Christian Stoltzfus of Millcreek, and to Christian L. Petersheim.

The second child of John Lapp Sr. was Annie Lapp born 1789, married to Jonathan Epler of Mifflin Co., Pa.

The third child of John Lapp Sr. was Elizabeth Lapp born 1792, married to John Beiler, they moved from Lancaster Co. to Huntington Co., from there to Union Co., Pa. They had a large family, most of them moved back to Lancaster Co. and a few to the western states. They were the grandparents of Jacob Y. Beiler of Weavertown, also the great grandparents of Deacon Amos F. Beiler of Mechanicsburg and Pre. John K. Beiler of Quarryville, Pa., also great grandparents of Deacon Jonathan Beiler of Strasburg.

The fourth child of John Lapp Sr. was Mary Lapp born 1795, married to David Smucker, son of John and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Smucker of Berks Co., Pa. and had the following children: (A) Leah Smucker married to Bishop Christian Umble of Lower Pequea; (B) Rachel Smucker married to Christian Fisher, who was grandfather of Aaron Fisher who has a gas and service station in Paradise, Pa.; (C) John Smucker married to Mattie Plank and were the parents of David Smucker of Chester Co. Pa.; Amos Smucker, better known as Swan Amos; John Smoker who lived at Groffdale, the parents of Lizzie, wife of Pre. John K. Lapp; Mattie Smucker married to Deacon Amos Lapp, parents of Pre. John S. Lapp, Deacon Jacob Lapp and Levi Lapp; Mary Smucker married to Eli Kauffman and Fannie Smucker married to Jacob Kauffman; (D) Sarah Smucker married to Benjamin Fisher, parents of Pre. Christian Fisher of Groffdale and grandparents of the late Bishop David Z. Fisher of Nine Points, and also the late Deacon Menno B. Fisher of Gordonville; (E) Mary Smucker and (F) Barbara Smucker lived and died single at the former Aquilla Riehl home; (G) David Smucker Jr. married to Leah Petersheim, lived one mile west of Intercourse where Samuel E. Fisher now lives. They were the parents of Christian Smucker married to Fannie Riehl; Eli Smucker, father to Deacon Eli Smucker of near New Holland and Samuel P. Smucker; (H) Noah Smucker married to Leah Stoltzfus, were the parents of Rebecca who was married to the late Bishop John Petersheim, and the late Pre. Jonathan Smucker and grandparents of Pre. Amos L. Smucker; (I) Samuel Smucker, the youngest of the David Smucker family married to Barbara Lapp and were the parents to Isaac, Elias, Menno and Daniel Smoker, all of whom lived around Intercourse.

Michael Lapp, son of John Lapp Jr. married to Barbara, daughter of Jacob Stoltzfus and was a sister to Deacon Christian Stoltzfus of Union Co., Deacon John Stoltzfus who migrated to Concord, Tennessee and Pre. Jacob Stoltzfus of Lancaster Co. They had one son Jacob Lapp Sr. and seven daughters. Jacob Lapp Sr. was born in 1818, died 1855 at the age of 36 years. He was married to Elizabeth Beiler and were the parents of Pre. Jacob Lapp Jr. of Weavertown. This Pre. Jacob Lapp Jr. was a man with many talents and a very gifted speaker. He was born in 1840 and helped to establish the first Amish Aid insurance program and also assisted in the printing of our German books. He was married to Elizabeth Lapp and died at Weavertown without any children.

The daughters of Jacob Lapp Sr. were (1) Rebecca Lapp married to Bishop Eli Zook of the Upper Pequea district and son of Bishop (Long) Christian Zook of Belleville; (2) Mary Lapp married to Christian Beiler of Groffdale, whom we mentioned in the September issue; (3) Barbara married to Samuel Petersheim of Millcreek district; (4) Sarah Lapp married to Solomon Stoltzfus, they had one daughter, Barbara married to Christian Miller; (5) Leah Lapp born 1835, married to Abraham Petersheim; (6) Susie Lapp married to John Burkey who were the grandparents of Deacon Aaron J. and B. John Stoltzfus of Lower Pequea; (7) Lizzie Lapp married to Pre. Benjamin Fisher, parents of Mrs. Levi Z. Stoltzfus of Soudersburg, Pa. and the late Pre. John L. Fisher of Bird-in-Hand, Pa.

Barbara Lapp, daughter of John Lapp Jr. married to Daniel Smucker, son of John and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Smucker. He was a brother to David Smucker married to Mary Lapp. Therefore, two brothers married two sisters. Daniel and David Smucker purchased jointly after their grandfather, John Lapp Sr.'s death in 1815, a part of the Lapp tract of land of one hundred and twenty some acres in Leacock twp. which is the Earl Jones farm north of Paradise along the Pequea Creek. When they sold out and dissolved partnership, David Smucker and wife purchased the farm one mile west of Intercourse, where Jonas S. and Samuel E. Fisher now live. Later David and his wife Mary erected the dwellings owned by Gideon L. Fisher where his son Abraham now lives, the former George Cogley property. Daniel Smucker and family are listed as living in Huntington Co. in 1829. Later they moved to Union Co., Pa. and lived there till 1850, when Daniel and wife Barbara visited some relatives in Lancaster Co. where Barbara took sick and died and is buried in the Myers Cemetery. Daniel then returned to his home in Union Co. to bear the tragic news to the rest of the family who had known nothing of their mother's death.

The children of Daniel and Barbara Smucker are as follows: Nancy married to Absalom Kenagy of Mifflin Co. She married a second time, to Jacob Stoltzfus of Weavertown; Sally Smucker married to David Stoltzfus and were the great grandparents of Bishop Daniel E. and Pre. Stephen E. Stoltzfus of Intercourse. David married second time, to Sarah Tenchey of Belleville and were then the parents of the late Solomon Stoltzfus Sr. of Millcreek; Leah

married to William Headings of Belleville, Pa.; John Smucker married to Mary Beiler and is buried five miles west of Port Royal in Juniata Co.; Rachel Smucker married to Jacob Loar; Jonathan Smucker married to Elizabeth Renno and was killed on the Penna. Railroad. They had no children. Joshua Smucker married Barbara Renno, their offspring are widely scattered, some of them live in Chester Co. and are affiliated with the Amish Mennonite, Mennonite and Jehovah Witness churches. The youngest son of Daniel and Barbara Smucker is Michael Smucker married to Barbara King and were the parents of Levi, John, Ben, Barbara, Lydia, Christ, and Leah Smoker and grandparents of Daniel K. Smoker. The reader will note that in some families the name Smucker has been changed to Smoker.

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Preacher Jonas D. Hochstetler had another son, David Hochstetler who was a minister. He was the father of Bishop Samuel D. Hochstetler of Clinton.

Emanuel I. Miller (Isaac Monie) was ordained minister in Clearspring in 1883 and bishop in 1890. Jonathan Hershberger was also a minister in this church and lived where his son Noah Hershberger lives.

Manasses J. Bontrager was ordained minister in the Yoder Church in 1883 and Moses H. Lehman in 1897 and Noah E. Bontrager, deacon in 1900. In 1901 the Yoder Church was again divided and the new part called Honeyville. Amos A. Yoder and Noah E. Bontrager were ordained ministers then. In the Honeyville Church, Joseph A. Yoder was ordained in 1902 and Cornelius Christner in Clearsprings in 1905.

Manasses Miller was ordained minister in the Forks in 1878 and Preacher Abraham A. Troyers moved in from Newton County, Indiana in 1884. The next year he was ordained bishop.

Joseph E. Bontrager was ordained in 1892 in the place of his aged father, Joseph (Sep) Borntreger. Moses M. Miller was ordained minister in 1907.

Eli J. Bontrager, oldest son of Preacher John E. (Honsi) Borntreger was ordained minister in the Barrens in 1894. They moved to North Dakota next year and was ordained bishop there in 1901. After having lived in Dakota and Wisconsin he returned to the church where he had lived 22 years before. He traveled much in the interest of church work and was a widely known bishop and writer. He, with Bishop Ira Nissley had ministerial oversight to visit Amish C.P.S. Boys in World War II. He was often called upon to help with church problems in other places. In 1952 he ordained David Helmuth bishop in his place. He was almost blind in his last years but continued to preach having a remarkable ability to repeat whole chapters of the Scriptures from memory. It is to be regretted that none of his children are in the Old Order Amish Church. He died in 1958 at ninety years of age.

Following is a brief explanation of the schism or split in Clinton in 1952: Before this time there was considerable friction and it seemed to come to a point mostly in the district of the aged bishop, Samuel D. Hochstetler and in the two districts of Bishop Jacob D. Bontrager. Although there may have been other reasons, the most obvious ones were for more liberty and modern conveniences such as tractor, automobile, electricity, etc. The bishops were not in favor of the schism. Bishop Jacob Bontrager suddenly passed away at this time. The aged Bishop Hochstetler suffered insult and imprisonment as a result of a mentally deranged daughter he had been trying to care for in his home. He died soon after. The remnant of the churches that was left was now without ministers. A committee of outside bishops was called in and the part that was left in Jacob Bontrager's East Clinton District was then cared for by Bishop Perry Nisley. Milo J.K. Miller was the first minister ordained there and later became bishop. What was left of the Samuel Hochstetler district became a part of the West Forks Church and Rudy Kauffman District.

Elam Hochstetler, son of Samuel D. Hochstetler later became bishop of the progressive group, known at Woodlawn. A number of changes have taken place since.

Some Interesting and Unusual Happenings from the Past

The following is from a sketch by Levi I. Eash in the Eash Family History.¹

During the year 1845, Uncle David Schrock made the trip across the country through Ohio to LaGrange on horseback. He made the trip without much difficulty and was much pleased with the country, so much so that he bought a piece of land, gave his horse for a part payment and returned home.

When he arrived home in the fall, he described the country in general, especially the beautiful timber, the level land, the fertility of the soil, which still could be had at very reasonable prices. Listening to such descriptions did not take my father and mother long to decide what to do. Arrangments and preparations were made to leave that next spring of 1846 for Indiana along with the David Schrock family.

While there are always well meaning people that encourage and help things along, there are usually the other kind also. All kinds of predictions were made that these people would meet trouble on the road or in the country they were going, such as getting lost, or killed on the road by wild animals or by Indians.

But preparations and plans went on for the two families to leave on a certain Monday Morning. It was a bright and sunshiny spring morning. The covered wagons were loaded, the

¹ Jacob Eash Family History 1934, Page 93 by Levi I. Eash. The Independent Press, Middlebury, Indiana

teams hitched up. Touching good-byes were made with neighbors and friends. Now they drove out the lane and down the pike, a dog trotting along side each wagon. They were filled with the best hopes for the future but still kept looking back to their old home for a last look at the place of their childhood and younger years.

Slowly they traveled on for many days, sometimes staying with people along the road. They kept this up for several weeks through thinly settled country with poor roads.

After awhile they came to Holmes County in Ohio where they stopped to rest awhile and visit with relatives and acquaintances. With fresh courage they pushed fearlessly onward again. Now through a wilder country toward their new homes in Indiana. Traveling for weeks through forests, cutting their way through in places, they forded streams and camped out under the blue sky. Accommodations were not very good with the scattered settlers along the way.

These were new experiences for people that had left a country where such difficulties were unknown and comforts were plenty. By the time they reached their destination they were fully prepared to enjoy their new home, be it ever so humble and lonely. After weeks of wearisome traveling they finally came to their new home in the western part of LaGrange County, Indiana.

Here they found beautiful level land with rich soil. Mostly without any stones and covered with thick heavy forests. The timber was mainly oak, maple, beech, poplar, walnut, hickory, etc. There was very little dead or fallen timber and none had been cut. The tall standing trees with very little underbrush was a sight to behold. Cattle and wild deer could be seen roaming through the forest a short distance away.

Good water was easily obtained by putting a well down eight or ten feet. The soil had a mixture of sand and gravel.

Here in the neighborhood were some of his acquaintances who had settled here several years before. Joseph Eash bought 40 acres, partly cleared and partly in heavy timber for \$350 cash from David Hochstetler only about a mile from the place where Uncle David Schrock had bought the year before. This is in the section known as "The Forks."

It might be added here that not all the land was nice and level like the Forks. Later people moved farther north to what was known as the "Barrens." Here the land was more hilly and in places not such heavy timber. However as time went on better farming practices came into use such as growing of alfalfa with marl which is a lake bottom deposit of lime, and with livestock raising, the rolling hills of the Barrens were transformed into a beautiful farming country.

A Disappointment¹

Not all the would-be settlers got to live in their new homes in Indiana. Christian Hochstetler left his wife and family at home in Somerset County, Pennsylvania and with a friend went to look for a location in Indiana. While there he became sick and died of Typhoid Fever at the home of his sister, Barbara, Mrs. Daniel S. Miller near Middlebury and was buried there. There would have been no way to notify the family. They knew nothing of his illness and death until the friend came home leading his horse. There were nine children. This may have happened around 1850. Evidently some of the family moved to Indiana later.

The Indians and the First Settlers in LaGrange County

Bands of Indians freely roamed the rolling hills and flatlands of LaGrange County when the white men first came around 1800. The Indians as a whole were friendly with the white men. They often hunted and fished together.

Chief Ship-shu-wano and his band of Pottawottamie Indians inhabited the land around Shipshewana Lake. When the federal government moved the last of these Indians to a reservation in Kansas in 1838 some of them became very homesick. One year later the heartbroken chief with a few others was allowed to return to his old camping grounds. He died in 1841 and is buried somewhere on the banks of Shipshewana Lake. Shipshewana in Indian language means vision-of-a-lion.

The land was not up for sale until about 1835. Middlebury was founded in 1836, LaGrange the same year. White Pigeon, Michigan was a trading post as was Ligonier which was laid out in 1835. There was a Post Office at Pashan by 1844. In 1881 it also had a store, a doctor and a blacksmith. The house where Ervin Eash lives, on the Mahlon Hochstetler farm south of the old Pashan School contained the post office. There was a similar store and post office at Shore. Farver Brothers had a sawmill and lumber business there. There were post offices at Emma and Schrock (now Honeyville). The old Baubauga road was part of the mail route from Goshen to LaGrange.

The town of Shipshewana did not come into existence until the railroad came in 1888. The post offices and business places of Pashan and Shore were then moved to Shipshewana.

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¹Descendants of Jacob Hochstetler 1912 Family #7415, p. 790

About Yoder Corner

In the fall of 1844 three Yoder brothers came from Pennsylvania and decided to settle near each other in Newbury Township in LaGrange County. They were Tobias C. Yoder and his younger twin brothers, John C. and Valentine C., sons of Christian Yoder. Tobias lived on the farm where his great-great grandson Crist Yoder now lives. Crist is the son of Ezra, son of Bishop Amos, son of Aaron, son of Tobias. Tobias was ordained minister in the Yoder Church in 1854. Bishop Will A. Yoder of East Emma and Bishop Abe A. Yoder of West Yoder are great grandsons of Tobias C. Yoder. The farm was recently (1970) sold to Sam R. Bontrager and son Orva and has now passed out of the family.

John C. Yoders lived on the Bishop William Bontrager farm where his widow and son Abe Bontrager and family still live. Abe is a great grandson of John C. Yoder. William Bontrager's mother, Sarah wife of Levi Bontrager was a daughter of John C. Yoder. He had the rather unusual ministry of bishop-deacon (Völligen-Armendiener). He was widely known and called upon as a doctor also and probably was a busy and useful man.

The twin brother, Valentine C. Yoder lived on the farm where Ervin S. Bontrager now lives, back a long lane, north off the Cable Line Road. It joins the Crist Yoder farm and is now owned by a great grandson, Enos J. Miller who lives nearby. Mrs. Lydian Knepp, Amos E. Yoder of Goshen, Deacons Jonathan F. and Moses F. Miller are grandchildren. The Lam-brights and many other are descendants of Valentine C. Yoder of Yoder Corner.

The Civil War broke out in 1861 and lasted four years. The Amish young men who were drafted were exempted from service upon paying a certain sum of money which was used to hire someone else to take their place. This money was made up by the church.

In 1862 Preacher John L. Miller moved to Clinton from Ohio. He later became bishop and was widely known as "Leff" John. He was a great grandfather of Bishop Perry Nisley and the farm where Perrys' son Eldon now lives was the old "Leff" John home. Preacher John D. Miller of Clinton is a grandson.

The LaGrange church was divided for the first time in 1866. The one district was called Forks and the other Yoder. In 1866 Daniel J. Miller (1836) was ordained minister in the Yoder Church. He was a son of Bishop Joseph Miller. In 1871 John (Honsi) Borntrager (1837) was ordained minister in the Forks Church, later the North Barrens Church. He was a son of Joseph (Sep) Borntrager. Daniel J. Miller and "Honsi" Borntrager were small boys when they came with their parents, the first settlers to Indiana. Daniel J. Miller later lived in The Barrens. His wife Barbara died there and he then moved to Iowa.

"Honsi" Borntrager was an active man, a well known writer as well as minister. He wrote "History of the First Amish Settlers in Indiana, up to 1907," for which we are much indebted to for this writing. It is written in German. He died in 1930 at the ripe old age of 93, the last of the original settlers. He is buried on the farm he cut out of the woods and lived on most of his married life, located two and one-half miles west of Shipshewana.

In 1873 David S. Kauffman (1834) was ordained minister in the Forks. The Forks Church was divided in 1876 and the new part named North Barrens. David S. Kauffman became bishop of the Barrens in 1877. The same year Bishop Joseph Miller passed away after having faithfully served in the church for 35 years. Bishop David Kauffman was also a well-known and influential bishop in his time and has often been referred to since. He passed away in 1918.

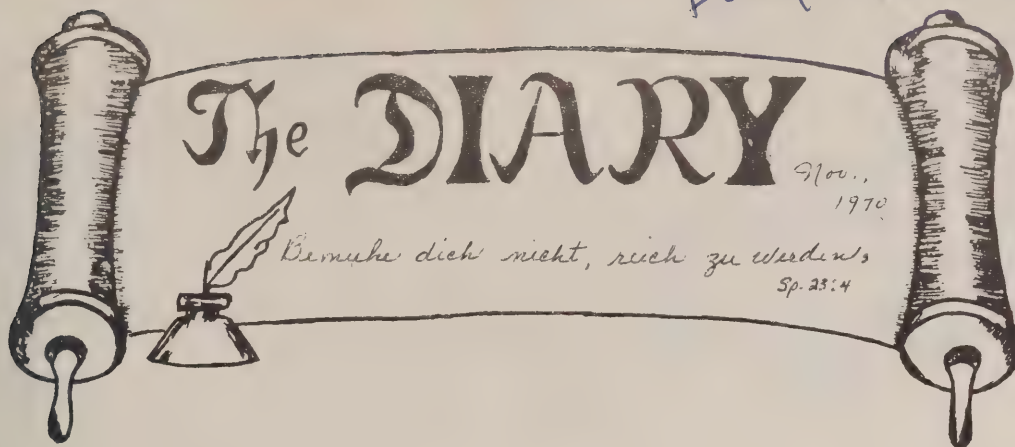
Eli E. Bontrager (1842), son of Joseph (Sep) Borntrager and younger brother of "Honsi" and also the first surviving Amish child born in Indiana was ordained to the ministry in 1881 in the Yoder Church. He was ordained bishop in 1887 in which he served over 30 years.

As the settlement grew, more people spread eastward. The Yoder Church was divided in 1881 and the new part called Clearspring. Daniel J. Hochstetler (1842) was the only preacher in that part then. He was ordained in 1874. He was the second Amish child born in Indiana that survived, the son of Preacher Jonas D. Hochstetler, the first ordained minister in Indiana. His mother was Elizabeth, daughter of David Millers of Holmes County, the only sister of sixteen brothers.¹ The father of Jonas D. was Daniel, the son of John, son of Jacob Hochstetler who was captured by the Indians in September 1757 in Pennsylvania.

Preacher Daniel J. Hochstetler lived where his son Manilius Hochstetler lived and Mrs. Milt (Anna) Lambright now lives. Bishop Dan M. Hochstetler of LaGrange is a son of Manelius (Neal) and grandson of Daniel J. Hochstetler. Joni C. Hochstetler of Middlebury is probably the youngest grandson of Preacher Daniel J. Hochstetler. "Neal" Hochstetler was the Amish undertaker at funerals for many years in the area east of Clinton.

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¹Descendants of Jacob Hochstetler, 1912, Family #6139, p. 668; #9158, p. 957, by Harvey Hostetler.



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BELLEVILLE, PA. BOY DIED OF APPENDICITUS

Amos, aged 16, son of Bishop Joshua and Katie (Swarey) Renno took sick November 3, which was thought to be only an upset stomach. He was taken to the hospital early Friday morning, November 6. Doctors found the appendix already ruptured. He was very sick all the time and was fed intravenously. On November 28 doctors wanted to operate again to give more drainage. He passed away during the operation. He was born May 30, 1954 and died Nov. 28, 1970 at the age of 16 yr. 6 mo. and 29 days. Surviving are his parents, one brother, 4 sisters, Mrs. Samuel (Susie) Yoder, Mrs. John (Mary) Kanagy, Katie and Lena at home. Grandparents are Crist K. Swareys. On infant brother and sister preceded him in death. Funeral services were held December 1 by Kore M Yoder and Christ B. Peachey the home minister. The parents address is Star Route, Belleville, Pennsylvania 17004.

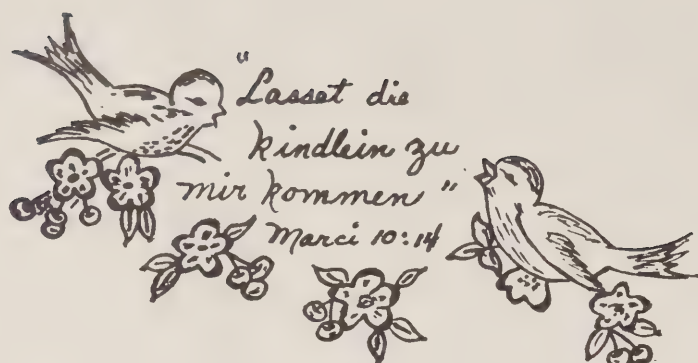
PA. MAN DIED, WED ALMOST 65 YEARS

David M. King, aged 88, Gordonville R1, Pennsylvania, died at his home Friday, Nov. 13. On December 12, 1905 he was married to Fannie Fisher who survives. He had been under the care of a physician. Born in East Lampeter Twp. he was a son of the late Jonathan and Mary Stoltzfus King and has 181 survivors. In addition to his wife, he is survived by the following children, Mrs. Mary Fisher, Soudersburg; Jonathan F., David F., John F., Emanuel F., all of Gordonville R1, and Arie, wife of Ezra King, Kinzers R1. Also surviving are 40 grandchildren, 117 great-grandchildren, 12 step-grandchildren, two step-great-grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Beiler, Narvon R2, and Rachel, wife of Jacob Beiler, Gap R1. Funeral services were held at the home of a grandson, Ben L. King by Sam F. Stoltzfus, Gap R1, Pa. and Perry Nissley, Goshen, Indiana; Hymns were read by Levi S. Fisher and David Z. Esh; Burial at Gordonville Cemetery.

PA. BUTCHER FOUND DEAD

John L. King, aged 69, Parkesburg, Pa. was found dead by members of his family on the ground outside his butcher shop Monday, November 23. He was a self-employed butcher for many years and was known as "Butcher John King." A son of the late John and Rebecca (Lapp) King he was married to the former Lydia K. Kauffman who survives. Surviving also are 15 children: Rebecca, wife of David L. Zook, Christiansa R1; Katie, wife of Amos S. Esh, Quarryville R3; Mary, wife of Levi Fisher, Kinzers R1; Jacob K., Christ K., John K., and Fannie, wife of Ira K. Stoltzfus, all of Parkesburg R2; Sadie, wife of Jonas L. Stoltzfus and Elizabeth, wife of Joseph F. Beiler, Gap R1; Lydia, wife of Emanuel Stoltzfus, Quarryville R1; Naomi, wife of Elmer E. Fisher, Paradise R1; Aaron K. and Levi K., at home; Anna Mae, wife of Samuel Stoltzfus, Leola; Malinda, wife of Edward Glick, Gap R1; 51 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Also three brothers, Isaac and Christ King, Bird-in-Hand R1 and Aaron, Honey Brook; five sisters, Fannie, wife of Levi Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1; Leah, wife of John Lapp, Leola; Lizzie, wife of Emanuel Esh, Ronks R1; Malinda, wife of Jonas Stoltzfus, Paradise R1, and Rachel, wife of Amos Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 25 by Noah S. Anderson of Nappanee, Indiana and John P. Esh, Bird-in-Hand, Pa.; A hymn was read by Eli Chupp of Bremen, Indiana; Burial was in Millwood Cemetery.

Let us remember our bereaved ones in prayer.



BIRTHS

Buchanan County, Iowa
 Bontrager, Edd D. (Anna Troyer)
 Hazleton, a dau POLLY, November 27
 Gingerich, Dan E. (Ida Yutzzy)
 Fairbank, a son JOHN, October 21
 Gingerich, Daniel R. (Susie Kurtz)
 Hazleton, a son JOHN, November 12
 Gingerich, Jacob E. (Christina Kurtz)
 Independence, a daughter SUSIE, Nov. 4
 Gingerich, Levi E. (Maryann Schmucker)
 Independence, a daughter ELMINA, Nov. 5
 Helmuth, Perry D. and (Esther Schmucker)
 Hazleton, a dau EDNA, Nov. 17
 Schwarz, Uriah M. (Mattie Miller)
 Hazleton, a daughter EDNA, November 2
 Yoder, Daniel J. (Sarah Kauffman)
 Hazleton, a daughter LORETTA, October 25

Johnson County, Iowa

Coblentz, Mr. Mrs. Joseph H., Kalona, a son FREEMAN, November 9
 Gingerich, Emery Glen (Emma Mast) Kalona, a daughter ELYSA ANN, October 21
 Glick, Mr. and Mrs. Enos, Kalona, a daughter ADA MARIE, October 13
 Miller, Mark A. (Dora Miller) Riverside R1, a daughter DARLA ROSE, November 3

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada

Eicher, LeRoy (Sarah Troyer) a son MOSE, November 16

Daviss County, Indiana

Knepp, Ora (Rachel Lengacher) a daughter SARA CATHERINE, November 3
 Raber, Amos (Leah Yoder) a son MARLIN RAY, November 6
 Wagler, Paul Joe (Rosemary Knepp) a daughter MARY MARLENE, November 26
 Wittmer, Harold (Pauline Wagler) a son JOHN HENRY, November 23

LaGrange County, Indiana

Miller, Eli (Mable Schlabach) a daughter LORA, October 24
 Miller, Perry Jay (Esther Ellen Miller) a daughter KAREN JUNE, November 23
 Schwartz, Daniel C. (Mary Zehr) a daughter ANITA KAY, November 21

Holmes County, Ohio

Hershberger, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert, Dundee R2, a daughter, November 22
 Hershberger, Mr. and Mrs. Eli A., Baltic R1, a son, November 16
 Keim, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin L. Fresno R1, a son ALBERT, November 6
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, Sugarcreek R1, a son
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob, Dundee a daughter, November 6
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Levi, Shreve R2, a son, November 17
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Levi, Dundee R1, a daughter, November 22
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond D., a daughter
 Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E., Millersburg Star Route, a son, November 2
 Mullet, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, Berlin, a daughter, November 10
 Petersheim, Mr. and Mrs. Dan, Apple Creek R2, a daughter, November 22
 Raber, Mr. and Mrs. Roman S., Millersburg R4, a daughter, November 5
 Swartzentruber, Mr. and Mrs. David D., Fredericksburg R1, a son, November 22
 Troyer, Mr. and Mrs. Eli, Orrville, a son, November 26
 Wengerd, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin J., Fredericksburg R1, a son, November 17
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas, Millersburg Star Route, a son, November 1
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas N., Millersburg R5, a son, November 9
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe M., Sugarcreek R2, a son, November 2
 Yutzzy, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin, Millersburg R4, a son

St. Mary's County, Maryland

Kurtz, Gideon (Rachel Hertzler) Mechanicsville R2, a son STEVEN, November 29
 Stoltzfus, Joe (Susie Stoltzfus) Mechanicsville R2, a son JESSE, November 9

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Kinsinger, Samuel A. (Effie Summy) Meyersdale, a daughter MARY SUE, November 25

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November

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Detweiler, Jesse (Fannie Yoder) Allensville, a son MAHLON, November 18
Detweiler, Joseph (Susie Yoder) Allensville, a son SAMUEL, November 27
Hostetler, John (Hettie Peachey) Belleville, a daughter MARY ANN, November 8
Peachey, Daniel (Susie Swarey) Belleville, a daughter ARIE, November 18
Peachey, Omar (Hettie Peachey) Belleville, a son LOUIE, November 18
Wengerd, Samuel (Hettie Peachey) Belleville, a son EZRA, November 26

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Peachey, John K. (Fannie Weaver) Mifflintown R2, a daughter LAURA, November 15
Wengerd, Dan M. (Amelia Yoder) Mifflintown R2, a son SAMUEL D., November 26

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Lantz, Aaron K. (Priscilla S. Kauffman) Myerstown R2, a daughter KATIE, November 22

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Christian F. (Lydia Ann Fisher) Ronks R1, a daughter FANNIE RUTH, November 12
Beiler, Josiah Jr. (Naomi Beiler) Kinzers R1, a son, November 21
Blank, Jonas F. (Sara Stoltzfus) Paradise R1, a son JONAS F. JR., November 20
Esch, Elam (Anna King) Ronks R1, a son DAVID, November 26
Esh, Amos A. (Lydia Lapp) Paradise R1, a daughter ANNA K., November 15
Esh, Christian L. (Sadie Smucker) a daughter REBECCA S., October 20
Esh, David B. (Mary F. Stoltzfus) Talmage, a daughter LINDA F., November 4
Esh, John E. (Mary Petersheim) Gordonville R1, a daughter MARY, November 25
Esh, Stephen K. (Lydia S. King) Ronks R1, a son ELI J., November 16
Fisher, Daniel B. (Elizabeth Lapp) Paradise R1, a daughter LYDIA L., November 20
Fisher, Moses H. (Mary Lantz) Ronks R1, a daughter RUTH ANNE, November 23
Fisher, Moses S. (Ida R. Beiler) Kirkwood R1, a daughter FANNIE B., October 1
Fisher, Reuben E. (Rachel Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son SAMUEL S., November 23
Glick, David I. (Dora K. Glick) Gap R1, a son ABNER, November 18
Huyard, Levi (Mary Miller) New Holland R1, a son AMOS F., November 10
King, Ammon K. (Sarah F. Huyard) Christiana R1, a daughter SADIE H., November 4
King, Bennie P. (Mary Zook) New Holland R1, a daughter EMMA RUTH, November 23
King, John A. (Emma G. Esh) Paradise R1, a son JONAS E., November 24
Lantz, Benjamin K. (Emma Lapp) Gap R1, a son AMOS G., November 29
Lantz, David (Sarah Stoltzfus) 313 Miller St., Strasburg, a son JONAS, November 13
Lapp, Samuel (Sara Beiler) Gordonville R1, a son RAYMOND, November 23
Smucker, Amos (Malinda King) New Holland R2, twin sons ALLEN and ALVIN, November 15
Smucker, Joseph E. (Naomi K. Smucker) East Earl R1, a son JACOB, November 22
Smucker, Raymond (Sarah King) Narvon R1, a son JOHN ERVIN, October 26
Stoltzfoos, Jonas F. (Susie Zook) 321 Newport Rd., Leola, a son, November 28
Stoltzfus, Amos K. (Sallie Beiler) Witmer, a daughter REBECCA B., November 6
Stoltzfus, Eli K. (Barbara Stoltzfus) New Holland R2, a son, November 5
Stoltzfus, Ira K. (Fannie King) Parkesburg R2, a son STEVIE, November 18
Stoltzfus, Ivan L. (Rebecca Fisher) New Holland R2, a daughter RUTH F., November 30
Stoltzfus, Jacob F. (Lovina F. Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a son DANIEL F., November 3
Stoltzfus, Joseph B. (Mary R. Beiler) Christiana R1, a daughter RUTH, November 15
Stoltzfus, Mark S. (Priscilla Stoltzfus) Elverson R2, a daughter MALINDA Z., November 1
Stoltzfus, Samuel A. (Rachel King) Gordonville R1, a daughter, November 14
Stoltzfus, Stephen (Edna Diener) Kinzers R1, a son STEPHEN JR., November 24
Zook, Christian (Sarah Fisher) Gap R1, a son MELVIN, November 18
King, Amos E. Jr. (Sadie Esh) Ronks R1, a daughter LYDIA E., November 7

MARRIAGES

St. Mary's County, Maryland

November 2, Johnny, son of Levi Yoders, Mechanicsville and Malinda, daughter of Bishop Samuel J. Stoltzfus, Charlotte Hall, Maryland.

November 10, John, son of Rufus Hostetlers, Mechanicsville and Mary, daughter of Sam Y. Beilers, Mechanicsville.

Johnson County, Iowa

November 3, Norman, son of George and Fannie (Miller) Ropp and Mary Jane, daughter of Andy and Fannie (Yoder) Helmuth, by Bishop Truman Miller. In I-W Service, Spring City, Pa.

November 26, William, son of Dea. LeRoy Bontragers and Nina, daughter of John S. and Lena (Miller) Yoder, by Glen Bender

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

November 3, Iddo, son of Clarence and Mary Yoder of Springs, Pa. and Eva, daughter of Ezra and Malinda Peachy, by Bishop Joshua Renno.

November 5, Roy, son of Emery and Mary Weaver and Olive, daughter of Daniel and Leah Hostetler, by Bishop Tobias Petersheim.



MARRIAGES

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania (continued)

November 12, Samuel, son of Samuel and Rachel Yoder and Katie, daughter of Rufas and Lizzie Peachey, by Bishop Emanuel Peachey.

November 19, Jonas, son of Pre. Christ B. Peachey and Susie, daughter of David and Rebecca Swarey, by Bishop Joshua Renno.

November 24, Shem, son of Joseph I. and Annie Peachey and Barbara, daughter of Jonathan and Mary Zook, by Bishop Jacob E. Byler.

November 26, John, son of Bishop Joshua and Katie Renno and Elsie, daughter of Andrew and Annie Byler, by Bishop Emanuel Peachey.

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

October 29, Isaac K., son of Pre. David M. and Saloma (King) Lapp and Esther R., daughter of Andrew Y. and Katie (Yoder) Peachey, Myerstown R2, by John M. Beiler, Ronks, Pa.

November 3, John B., son of John K. and Rachel (Fisher) Lapp and Naomi K., daughter of Sarah (King) and the late Moses L. Lantz also Amos G., son of Levi Z. and Annie (Glick) Lapp, and Fannie K., daughter of Sarah (King) and the late Moses L. Lantz, by Edward Nisley of Arthur, Illinois.

November 5, Omar A., son of Andrew Y. and Katie (Yoder) Peachey and Rebecca S., daughter of Jonas Z. and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Lapp, by John D. Peachey of Tavistock, Canada

November 10, Menno, son of Amos and Leah (Swarey) Peachey of Juniata County, Pa. and Mary M., daughter of Dea. Moses B. and Katie (Miller) Lapp, by Tobias J. Petersheim, of Mifflintown, Pa.

November 19, Moses G., son of Levi Z. and Annie (Glick) Lapp and Sarah L., daughter of Bishop Isaac H. and Mattie (Lapp) Zook, by Amos S. Lapp, of Strasburg, Pa.

November 24, Moses B., son of John I. and Salome (Beiler) Smoker and Annie K., daughter of Pre. David M. and Saloma (King) Lapp, by Isaac H. Zook of Myerstown R2, Pa.

Daviess County, Indiana

November 26, Vernon, son of Noah and Emma (Graber) Wagler and Deliah, daughter of Pre. Alva and Lydia (Raber) Raber, by Bishop Joe L. Graber.

Holmes County, Ohio

November 10, Jonas, son of Pre. Perry Stutzmans, Millersburg R5 and Ada, daughter of Deacon Eli D. Masts, Fredericksburg.

November, Melvin, son of Henry A. Rabers and Mary, daughter of Andrew J.B. Millers

November, Andy, son of Eli E. Millers and Sarah, daughter of Joe D. Hershbergers.

November 19, Widower Eli Miller, Apple Creek and Widow Lydia Stutzman, Dundee.

November 19, Eli, son of Dea. Eli D. Masts, Fredericksburg and Arie, daughter of Levi Rabers, Millersburg R5.

November 19, Verna, daughter of Jonas D. Yoders, Apple Creek R2 and Ervin, son of Ed Smuckers.

November 17, Widower Levi A. Troyer, Fresno and Widow Ada Stutzman, Baltic.

November, Widower Joseph J. Wengerd, Millersburg R4 and Widow Mary Ann Troyer, Sugar Creek.

November 26, Henry, son of Henry A. Millers, Big Prairie R1 and Emma, daughter of John J. Millers, Fredericksburg R2

November 17, Esther, daughter of Pre. Dan Troyers, Apple Creek R2 and Emery, son of Wayne A. Yoders, Fredericksburg

November 26, Ella, daughter of Jacob D. Millers, Dalton R1 and Abe, son of Levi Rabers.

November 12, Katie, daughter of Eli L. Hershbergers and Andrew, son of Jonas J.B. Millers

November, Paul, son of Raymond L. Swartzentruber, Fredericksburg R2, and Nioma, daughter of Ivan E. Shetlers.

ORDINATION

Daviess County, Indiana

Louis Graber, 34, son of the late Bishop William Graber was ordained to the ministry on November 22. He is married to the former Verda Graber. Address is Loogootee R2, Ind.

BAPTISM

Kalona, Iowa

Middle West District

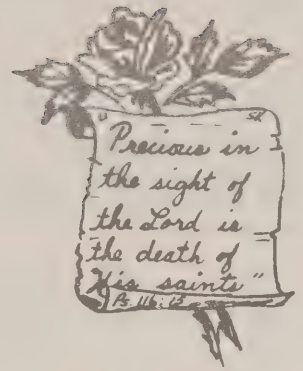
November 1, Barbara, daughter of LeRoy Bontrager; Bertha, daughter of Clifford Miller; and Katie Mae, daughter of Herman Gingerich, by Glenn Bender.

MIGRATIONS

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Atlee and Effie (Troyer) Troyer and family of 6 sons and 2 daughters moved from Lakeville, Ohio to Juniata Co., Mifflintown R2, Pa. on November 10. He is now owner and operator of the former Weaver's Harness and shoe Repair Shop near Center $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of 22.

OBITUARIES



Hershberger, Mary Ann, aged 80, Millersburg R5, Ohio died Sunday afternoon, November 15 at the Pomerene Hospital. She was born April 16, 1890 in Holmes County to Joseph J. and Barbara Bontrager Miller. She married Dan E. Hershberger, who died October 23, 1965. She is survived by these sons: Joe D. and Levi D., both of Millersburg R5; daughters: Mrs. John D. (Clara) Miller of Wilmot and Miss Anna D. of the home; brothers: Ezra, Joe, and Levi, all of Dundee R1, and Jacob of Millersburg Star Route; sisters: Mrs. M. E. Kline, Mrs. Abe J. Miller, Mrs. Robert Coblenz, and Mrs. Levi Yoder, all of Millersburg R5, and Mrs. Mose Keim of Fredericksburg R2; twenty-two grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. Three sons, and four grandchildren died previously. Funeral services were held by Dan P. Schrock; Burial in Hershberger Cemetery.

Miller, John B., aged 81, Bird-in-Hand R1, Pennsylvania died at his home Friday evening, November 6, after an illness of one week. Born in Upper Leacock Twp., he was a son of the late John and Nancy Blank Miller. He is survived by his wife, Annie S. (Lapp) Miller and the following children: Amos Miller, Mattie, wife of Jerry Stoltzfus, and Elam Miller, all of Leola R1; Levi Miller, Paradise R1; Lydia, wife of Amos K. Stoltzfus, and Daniel Miller, both of Bird-in-Hand R1; and Mary, wife of Levi Z. Fisher, Kirkwood R1; also 56 grandchildren and 80 great-grandchildren. He was the last of his immediate family. Funeral services were held by Jonas S. Lapp and Aaron Esh; Hymn "Mein Lebensfaden Laufft Zum Ende" was read at the house by Deacon Aaron M. Beiler, "Alle Menschen Mussen Sterben" at the graveyard by Deacon Elam Esch; Burial at Myers Cem.

Shrock, Eli N., aged 71, Sugarcreek, Ohio a Bishop 12 years, died Thursday morning, November 12 in his home after a long illness. His parents were the late Nathaniel and Fannie (Miller) Shrock. His wife, Barbara (Mullet) Shrock died in 1967. Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Henry E. (Ella) Miller of Star Rt. Millersburg, Mrs. Dan W. (Anna) Yoder of R2, Dundee, Mrs. Roman (Susie) Kandel of R1, Beach City, Mrs. John (Clara) Yoder of Berlin and Melva of the home; four sons, Albert E., Emanuel E. and Melvin E. of Berlin and 42 grandchildren. A daughter and two brothers died previously. Funeral services were held by Bishop John N. Bontrager; Burial was in the Dan J. Miller Cem.

Shetler, Andy J., aged 61, Fredericksburg, Ohio died Monday morning, November 23, at his residence, after of four-month illness. He was born in Holmes County a son of the late John and Mary (Nisley) Shatler. He was married December 15, 1941 to Nancy Hershberger, who survives. Also surviving are two step-sons, Raymond Miller of Holmesville and Robert Miller of Oakland, Md.; two step-daughters, Mrs. Dan (Fannie) Petersheim of Apple Creek, and Mary Miller of the home; 25 step-grandchildren; one brother, Abe Shetler of Orrville; one sister, Belinda Shetler of Dundee. Also three step-brothers, Eli Hershberger and Emanuel Hershberger, both of Baltic and Sylvanus Hershberger of Millersburg Star Rt.; four step-sisters, Mrs. Henry Yoder, Mrs. Eli Hershberger, Mrs. John Yoder of Sugarcreek. One sister died previously. Funeral services were held by Jacob M. Mast; Burial in Weaver Cemetery.

Stoltzfus, Isaac B., aged 2½ months, son of John F. and Sylvia (Beiler) Stoltzfus, of Paradise R1, Pa. died at his home Sunday afternoon, October 22. He had been ill since birth. Survivors include his parents, maternal grandparents, Jonas and Mary (King) Beiler, Ronks R1, and paternal grandparents, Isaac and Levina (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Gettysburg, Pa. Funeral services were held Monday, November 23 by Samuel L. Stoltzfus and Daniel K. King; Burial in Ronks Cemetery.

Stutzman, Bishop Dan, aged 56, of Sugarcreek R2, Ohio died Monday, November 16 in Pomerene Hospital after a long illness. He was born in Holmes County to Noah D. Stutzman of Sugarcreek R1, and the late Dena J. (Beachy) Stutzman. He was a bishop in the Upper Walnut Creek Church for 19 years. He is survived by his wife Mary Ann (Miller) Stutzman; two daughters, Mrs. Paul N. (Katie) Miller and Lydia Ann Stutzman, both of the home; a son, Jacob D. Stutzman of Galion; four sisters, Mrs. Roman D. (Edna Miller and Mrs. Jacob A. (Mattie) Miller, both of Sugarcreek R2, Mrs. Mose J. (Lydia Ann) Nisley of Baltic R1 and Mary Stutzman of Sugarcreek R1; a brother, Roman N. Stutzman of Topeka, Indiana; and two grandchildren. Two brothers died previously. Funeral services were held by Bishop Eli E. Hershberger; Burial in the family cemetery in Clark Township.

Yoder, Barbara E., aged 3½ months, daughter of Eli H. and Fannie (Miller) Yoder, Baltic, Ohio died Tuesday evening, November 24, in University Hospital in Cleveland after a two-week illness. She is survived by two brothers, Ivan and Ray of the home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Yoder of Baltic R1. and Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Miller of Millersburg R4. Funeral services were held by Bishop Dan J.D. Miller; Burial in the family cemetery in Crawford Township.

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Prices from a Farm Ledger of 1870

Nov. 19, To $1\frac{1}{4}$ Days quarining stone, 1.88

Nov. 23, To $\frac{1}{2}$ Day Hawling Dung, .50

CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania by Eli S. King and Levi L. Stoltzfus

The first three weeks in November were mostly cloudy and cool, a few warm sunny days. No killing frost until the 21st followed by a few cold, windy days. Temperatures the last week were seasonable with more cloudy weather.

The rainfall for Bareville was 4.7 inches of November. It was the wettest Nov. since 1963 which was 6.3 inches. (Oct. rainfall was 4.9 instead of 3.9 inches) The Fat Cattle Market is \$26.00 to 29.50 Cwt.; Feeder Cattle from 25.00 to 34.00 Cwt.; Fat Hogs from 16.00 to 18.75 Cwt.; Shoats from .25 to .30 per lb.; Veal 53.00 Cwt.; Dairy Cows out of New York State from 400 to 550 a head. Heavy Fowl from .05 to .19 per lb.; Leghorn Fowl, .05 per lb.; Pullets, .23 to .27 per lb.; Turkey Toms, 19 to 25 cents per lb.; Turkey Hens, .20 to .35 per lb.; Egg prices, large, .41 doz., med. .39 doz., pullets, .35 doz.; Potatoes, 2.40 to 3.50 Cwt.; Corn, 1.55 Bu.; Ear Corn per Ton from 27.00 to 34.00; Wheat, 1.60 Bu.; Barley, 1.15 Bu.; Oats, .85 Bu.; Hay, alfalfa from 34.00 to 56.00 per Ton; Mixed Hay, from 34.00 to 51.00 per Ton; Straw, from 37.00 to 44.00 per Ton.

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

November was mostly mild with much damp and cloudy weather and around 4 inches of rain. Lawns and wheat fields were lush green till the middle of November when we had our first killing frost on the 17th. On the 20th we had a brief thunder shower. The 23rd and 24th were the only real cold days with the temperature at 18 degrees in the morning and rising to only about 20 degrees during the day. On the 24th, bits of snow gathered here and there, could be seen in the morning. Some of it remained till nightfall. A few dandelions were blooming till the end of the month.

Snyder County, Pennsylvania by S. M. Troyer

November was a wet month. We had many cloudy days and approximately 5 inches of rain. The week of the 15th we had 3 inches. The lowest temperature was 16 degrees. We had no snow yet. The 30th when Deer Season opened it was nice and warm, mostly clear.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania by David Y. Renno

Juniata County has its first killing frost for the season on the 6th. The month throughout was wet and cold, total rainfall was near 7 inches with about a week that the ground was frozen hard, followed by nice weather the last week when some plowing was done. Some very rainy wedding days the first half and some very nice and sunny ones after the 20th. Small game seems plentiful but only a few hunters were seen. Deer season opened Nov. 31st with nice weather and an above average amount shot. Farm prices are good except for hogs and eggs are about one half as high as they were 6 months ago. Beef and milk are high and work is plentiful for any one that really wants to work.

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania by Catherine Swarey

November was mostly gray, hazy and cloudy, day and night, only a few clear, real sunny days. Thunder and lightening on the evenings of 12th and 29th after dark; 7.5 inches of rain. Snow flurries on the 23rd; Lowest temperature was 16 degrees.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania by Abe S. Kinsinger

November had a lot of rainy, cloudy and foggy weather, with only a few days of cold when the temperature went as low as 8 degrees. Hardly any snow on the ground so far. Some fall plowing has been started. With deer season starting today, November 30, there will be a lot of hunters out in the woods, and I assume a lot of disappointed ones also.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania by Noah Wengerd

Weather this summer was damper and more rains than usual. Not heavy, but still rain, poor hay weather. I cannot remember in my 67 years of so much rain. In November it rained and soaked, so that the well on our farm, over 100 ft. deep, for the first time stayed up when the wind blew, as the wind pumps the water. Now on Dec. 2 it is very nice and warm. We already had zero which came very suddenly but not much snow. Many people have colds and sickness, seems like a flu. Deer hunting is in full swing.

St. Mary's County, Maryland by Amos R. Stoltzfus

The first half of November left us over 6 inches of rain. Had a thunderstorm the 4th. Weather was cool, then we had our first killing frost the 17th at 22 degrees, and again the 18th. The 23rd it again blew up cold and froze water pipes, etc. when it was 17 degrees and windy. From Thanksgiving on it was mild and pleasant. Deer season opened the 28th. Farmers are taking back some of their crop damage in meat. The first 2 days over 20 deer were killed by the Amish. Two families had 3 deer to put away. Shredding fodder is next in line.

Holmes County, Ohio by David E. Miller

Our temperature was as low as 12 above one morning and one morning it was 16 above. We has an inch of snow but it all melted. Temperature on Thanksgiving Day was 42. Most of the corn is husked except some that goes through the corn husker. Corn was a very good crop through here but some places they had some blight.

Fredericksburg, Ohio by Mrs. Christian Petersheim

Lots of rain all month. Except the Thanksgiving week it was down to 17 degrees on Monday morning and snowed, just stayed till Thanksgiving Day. when it started to warm up. Now it's raining again. The yards still look nice and green and is 50 degrees.

LaGrange County, Indiana by Ervin D. Hochstetler

We had a little over 3 inches of rain in November. The first snow was on the 14th. On the 22nd the temperature was about 40 in the morning, then by evening it dropped down to 20 and by the next morning it was down to 9 above zero. The ground was white with snow. In a few days it warmed up again. There is still some corn to husk. Corn price is up and down. It is around 1.30 now.

Davies County, Indiana by Lester Marnar

November has been wet with a very cold snap starting November 23, lasting three days. The coldest was 10 degrees above zero. It is much warmer now and the ground is thawed out again. Hogs are still \$16.00 to 16.50; Milk is \$4.75 per hundred.

Johnson County, Iowa by Eli S. Bontrager

The weather has been pretty mild with plenty of rain this fall. Sunday the 22nd it turned colder, was 6 above zero. On the 23rd we had a high wind which made it very unpleasant for the sale of Mrs. Fred Nisly. Mrs. Chester Ropp also had a sale on the 16th on account of her husband's death two months ago. Lester W. Hochstedlers had a large closing out sale on the 17th. Reports are they will move to Paraguay.

Buchanan County, Iowa by Joe A. Yoder

We are having a little unusually wet for the time of the year, many damp and cloudy days. Corn fields for mechanical picking have been quite soft till our freeze of November 22. Hand picking is mostly done, still some beans out.

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada by LeRoy Eicher

There were 6 inches rain and 12 inches snow in Aylmer, in London, 36 inches. Most of the corn is picked, some averaging 100 bu. per acre.

OBITUARIES, continued from page 205

Yoder, Edna, aged 62, wife of Monroe A. Yoder, Sugarcreek R1, Ohio

died Monday morning, November 16 at her residence after a six week illness. She was born in Trail to John E. and Mary (Hershberger) Pfister. She is survived by her husband, these daughters, Mrs. Joe M. (Kathryn) Yoder of Sugarcreek, Mrs. Dan D. (Mable) Miller Jr. of Sugarcreek R1; a son, Levi J. Yoder of St. Louis, Mo.; these sisters, Mrs. Dan A. Hershberger of Winesburg, Mrs. William R. Yoder and Mrs. Noah R. Yoder, both of Sugarcreek R2, Mrs. Grant Ditch of Fort Myers, Fla., Mrs. William Estep of Titusville, Fla., Mrs. Hal Blair of Fort Myers, Fla., Mrs. Joas J. Mullet of Sugarcreek R1; these brothers, Dan W. Pfister of Dundee, and John H. Pfister of Massillon; a half-sister, Mrs. Dora Bumpus of Navarre R3, and seven grandchildren. Two sisters and a brother died previously. Funeral services were held at the home of Henry S. Miller, Sugarcreek R1, by Monroe Y. Miller; Burial was in the Union Hill Cemetery.

Yoder, Mattie, aged 50, wife of John L. Yoder, Baltic R1, Ohio

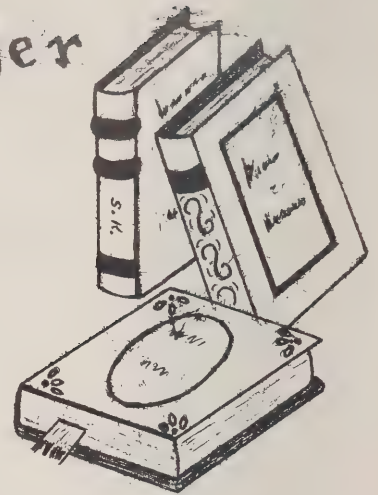
died Friday, October 2, at her home after a long illness. She was born in Holmes Co., a daughter of the late Andrew J. S. and Mary (Beachy) Troyer. Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters, Ella and Erma of the home; three sons, Ben J. of Baltic R1, and Jonas J. and Emanuel J. of the home; four sisters, Mrs. Jonas A. (Katie) Yoder, Mrs. Eli M. (Sarah) Raber, Mrs. Joe J. (Anna) Yoder and Mrs. Levi Y. (Amanda) Raber all of Baltic R1; six brothers, Emanuel A. and Mose A. Troyer of Baltic R1. Jonas A., Levi & Sam of Fresno R3 and Christ A. of Topeka, Indiana; and two grandchildren. Funeral services were held by Bishop Dan N. Yoder; Burial was in the Yoder Cemetery, Clark Township.

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Unsere Geistliche Bücher

Lasset das Wort Christi unter euch reichlich wohnen in aller Weisheit; lehret und vermahneth euch selbst mit Psalmen und Lobgesangen und geistlichen Liedern, und singet dem Herren in eurem Herzen.
Kolosser 3:16



Ein Send-Brieff / samt einem schönen Gebätt / und geistlichen Lied.

Vorbey noch etliche andere
Christliche Gebätt, in vielen
Anlügen und Nöthen zu
gebrauchen.

Wie auch etliche geistliche Lieder.



Gedruckt im Jahr, Da wahre Buß
vonnöthen war.



Ein Send-Brieff von einem
Liebhaber Gottes Wortes, geschrieben
an seine Hausgenossen und Mit-Glieder, wel-
cher den 8ten Tag Weinmonat im 1715ten Jahr
ist um seines Glaubens und der Wahrheit willen
gefangen, und hernach gen Zorn in die Ge-
fangenschaft geführt worden.

Gnad, Fried und Barmherzigkeit von
Gott dem Himmlischen Vater, und
die reine Liebe seines Sohns JESU
Christi, sammt dem Trost des Heiligen
Geistes, wünschen ich Euch meine lie-
ben Hausgenossen und Mit-Glieder
zu einem freundlichen Gruß.

Wemil nun Gott der Herr alle Ding
so weislich erschaffen hat, Genes. 1.
unt 2. Cap. wie auch den ersten Men-
schen, und hat ihm einen lebendigen
Atem in sein Angesicht blasen, also
ward der Mensch eine lebendige Sechselnheit mit
das Leben des Menschen von dem Leben Gottes
kommen ist, so kan es in Ertaleit nicht leben ohne
zu mit werden. So hat nun ein jedweder Mensch
eine unsterbliche Seel zu versorgen und ist derselb
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Above is a copy of the title page of a "Send-Brief" written in 1715 by a Swiss brother. The title may give us a two-fold meaning: The word "Send" in Swiss terms often refers to "watch." The character of the letter is a strong call to steadfastness in the face of trial and danger of life and admonishment to the true "fear of God" as a watchword of 16th century anabaptism. On the other hand the combined words "Send-Brief" means a circular letter or epistle, assuming the letter was written with intent to have it circulated among loyal kinship of both flesh and Spirit. Although it was written in 1715 it may not have

reached the press until 1720. Robert Friedman suggests it was printed then by the Mechel Publishing House at Basel.¹

Like many other anabaptist writers, the author of this letter did not feel worthy of a name or at least not to have it exposed to the public, and there was always a fear of the authorities. So we are at a complete loss to say who wrote the letters. After reading the letter, noting his sincerity and deep love to inform his fellow members of the true faith and to admonish them of the existing evils, we would like to prove that he was a minister of the Swiss Brethren. But we do not have one mention of this in his writings, neither do we have ample evidence from other sources, and besides this, a minister of this time and place was generally dealt with more harshly than this one, so we will accept the understanding that he was a typical Swiss Brother.

Robert Friedman adds² that this letter was the last written, genuinely anabaptist document in existence, written by an unknown Swiss Brother in the darkness of prison in Bern, Switzerland. In Europe this booklet is extremely rare, not mentioned in literature. Harold S. Bender found several copies in Mennonite homes of Swiss background in Penna. and Ohio, now in the Goshen College library.³ It appears in a "Sammelband" of 100 pages. Besides the "brief" it contains prayers and hymns of typical Swiss Brethren character.

To make a study of this "Send-Brief" we should start at the beginning, that is, with the title page. "Ein Send-brief samt einen schönen gebät und geistlichen lied."⁴ The brief is not addressed to any particular person - "Ein sendbrief von einem liebhaber Gottesworts geschrieben an seine hausgenossen und mit-glieder." The emblem on the lower left gives a special and striking message, That all men are flesh, all men must die, and in this all men are alike, regardless what state or position they may be, young, old, poor, rich, farmer, citizen, noble, free, count, prince, king, emperor, pope. Next to it reads; "gedruckt im jahr da wahre busz vonnothen war." The phrase is very deep and impressive to the reader. We may wonder what a writer of such a masterpiece would reckon of our times. But let's remember that each and every time is in an era. Perhaps we can glean something from this. We may consider that the Swiss authorities were a bit more tolerant with the anabaptists by this time and that a good number of the anabaptists were finding refuge in other countries. By this time they were already sailing to America in numbers. We could quote from many writings including those of Thielman von bracht that such times have always been regarded as dangerous times to the faith and soulfare of the anabaptists.

We can pretty well describe the nature of this Send-brief in the first paragraph: "Darum achten ich es billich seyn meine leiben mitglieder, so lang ich in dieser hutten wohne, 2 Petri 1., wiewohl ich jutzum der hier zu Bern um meines glaubens willen gefangen bin, auch des wegs der saligkeit zu erinnern, dieweil ich sehe dasz ihm nur die frommen alten auch also gethan haben."

This is to say that he is not sending a new sermon but to remind them of the way of salvation as the old ones have done before him. This could give us a hint that he was of the elderly class himself.

To turn back to the title, "samt einem schönen gebät." This prayer that follows the brief, could be thought to have been composed by the same writer, but this is hardly likely. This gebat begins with, "Nach dem wir uns, O Himmlischer Vater, etc." is identical to the one found in our Christenpflicht gebat buch, which is readily used today after church service in various districts. It is generally accepted today that this prayer was written by Leenaerdt Klock a native of Germany, (but much of his devotional work was done in Holland) and this looks probable here as the writer of the Send-brief has accepted various other "Klock" pieces as additions to this booklet.

After this prayer follows his hymn which is typical to martyr hymns. It is written in a well composed manner in a rich Swiss dialect of the time. The first four verses describe very well the bitter-sweet life of an anabaptist captive. The fifth verse tells us of his position material-wise in captivity, that he wasn't confined to a prison cell but rather in a State Reformatory. Because he was not an anabaptist leader he may have been dealt with in a lesser degree of punishment. We cannot say that persecution had ceased to a reasonable extent in Bern at this time by the authorities but the populace or the common people seemed to sympathize with them in large, and many helped them to escape. When the anabaptist hunters made a raid these people, often called "halptaufer" or in our prayerbook, "Ernsthafte Christenpflicht" they are referred to as "gutherzige Menschen" or good natured people, gave the anabaptists signs or signals by which they could hide or flee from the hands of the persecutors.

Perhaps the clearest picture of the general life of an anabaptist of this time can be given from the writings of Delbert Gratz in his book "Bernese Anabaptist" from which

¹ Menn. Encyclo. V4 pp 500

² See No. 1

³ Copies of this "Send-brief" can be made available by request.

⁴ As much as we would like to present the whole brief in this issue we are handicapped in two ways: 1. Space does not permit. 2. We are not yet equipped with a suitable German typewriter and to print it in English does not satisfy the taste of many readers.

we can give only a few. In 1714 another mandate appeared in which it was admitted that in spite of past migration and punishment there still existed anabaptists in Bernese territory. Forgiveness was in order for those who recanted, but able-bodied men who would return from banishment would be punished by being sold as galley slaves, and the others would be punished just as severely in other ways.

A list of books was made which were forbidden to be sold or found in one's possession. Among these was the Froschauer Bible,¹ first printed in Zurich 1524-29 and reprinted at Basel and in 1744 in Strasburg, greatly loved by the anabaptists. In 1715 a ruling was passed that the money derived from the selling of anabaptist estates should be equally divided between the anabaptist commissions, the Bernese officials and the local supervisory officials. By 1720 there seemed to be a lessening in the severe policy carried on in the first two decades of the century, and also that the prisons in Bern were full of them we learn in 1710² may give us another clue.

The second line of the fifth verse explains his occupation. Although the word "Wullen" is not as plain to us as we would like. A German translation of this word would perhaps be "muhlen" or "graben." This could be trench digging or tree or even grave digging. That his diet was of mush and bread is clear and that he slept on chaff is certain, but probably not on chaff bags as we are inclined to think but rather on a pile of straw or in the "spreu kammer." Like other martyr hymns written he expresses gratitude to his Maker and his Lord for being privileged to live in His ways and follow the footsteps of the apostles in time of persecution. Unlike many other martyrs he doesn't once mention a fear or a thought of being condemned to death, but rather that he is paying the penalty of the verdict in this state of captivity, probably a life sentence. In the fourteenth and fifteenth verses he reflects judgement on the inquisitors in a mild way.

Following this hymn is a very deep and impressive dialogue of "Unterricht vom Christlichen Singen." By whom this was written is to be found out. It cannot have come from Switzerland because it doesn't have Swiss wording. If it was written by Klock whose writings seem to be associated with this booklet, there was a good job of translating to German as it seems to be genuinely German. In a way it doesn't seem to belong to the Swiss Brethren, at least not to the early church as the early anabaptists did not approve of singing. It is clear that Conrad Grebel reproved singing of any kind in his congregation.³ But then of course we do know that they also readily adopted hymn singing over the years and that the Swiss Brethren wrote and sang some of the most beautiful hymns. The most striking of these questions and answers is No. 7. That the way of being seated around the table with the family or guests to sing hymns is an age old tradition that sprang from early anabaptist principles in Europe. It has been said that the Amish are the only people of the plain sect that practice this mode in general today.

Following this are a few hymns which are also found in the Ausbund. "Weil nun die Zeit verhanden ist," by Leenhardt Klock, "Lebt Friedsam Sprach Christus der Herr," also by Klock, and "Musz es nun Seyn Gescheiden," unknown.

Last and best we will again study the date of the Send-brief, 1715. Well this is roughly 25 years after the disunion of the Jacob Ammon and the John Reist parties. Although this is not a pleasant thing to talk or write about, we will entertain a merry thought at least for awhile, that this beautiful masterpiece was written by a follower of Jacob Ammon. His extreme conservative faith and doctrines will lead us to say so. While this is the last Swiss document of its kind in existence⁴ it may also be the first of its kind of the Amish church, a hallmark for us to behold.

Ein Geistlich Lied.

In der Weis: O schöner May Was machst so lang.

1.	Ein Liedlein will ich faben an, Wohl hier an diesem Orte, O Gott verleih mir deine Gnad, Zu leben nach dein Worte.	3.	Ich bin gar hart gefangen hier, Doch nicht umb Ubelthate, Ja weder Dieb noch Mörder breit, Noch jemens Gut begehre.	I. Petri 4.
2.	Der Geist ist willig, das Fleisch ist schwach, Das thu ich dir Herr klagen, Darum Herr fest mich Schwachen stärke, So wird mich nichts behagen.	4.	Petrus berichtet in seiner Gschrifft, Im vierten kan mans sehen Leydet jemand als einen Christ, So soll er sich nicht schamen.	I. Petri 6.
	Philipp 1.		Matth. 26	

¹The Scripture passages used in the Send-Brief are about identical to the Froschauer Bible. It is very unlikely that other bibles, including the Lutheran versions were accepted in early Mennonite or Amish homes of this time in Switzerland.

²Bernese Anabaptists, p 56 by Delbert Gratz.

³Conrad Grebel's Letters, p 19, transcribed by J. C. Wenger.

⁴This copy of the Send-Brief was obtained from the Goshen College Library, Goshen, Ind.

5.
Die Arbeit die man uns hier gibt,
Ist schaffen an der Wullen,
Man speiszt uns hier mit Mousz und Brod,
Das Bethlein das ist Sprewer.

6.
Wir sollen aber preisen thun, I. Petri 4
Allein Gott unseren Herren,
Wie und die Gschriff anzeigen thut,
Und die Apostel lehren.

7.
Alle die wollen läben thun 2. Tim. 3
Gottsälzig in der Welte,
Müssen Verfolgung leyden schon,
Thut uns Paulus vermelden.

8.
Ihr werdet heülen und wäinen thun, Joh. 16
Thut uns Johannes sagen,
Aber die Welt sich freuet nun,
Bisz zu den letsten Tagen.

9.
Dann wird sich Blättlein wenden umb,
Und werden also sagen:
O wohl den Frommen allen nun, Isai. 3
Weh aber den Gottlosen.

10.
Dem Menschen wird nach seiner That
Der Lohn bereitet werden, 2. Cor. 5.
Wie er auff Erden ghandlet hat,
So wird er blohnet werden.

11.
Ich bitten dich O Herre Gott,
Komm du zu Hülff mir Armen,
Lass mich nicht weichen von deinem Wort.
Thu dich meiner erbarmen. Matth. 24.

12.
Das Land ist mir verboten auch,
Gleich einem Ubelthäter, I Cor. 10.
Aber O Herr der Gwalt ist dein,
Darzu Himmel und Erden. Ps. 23.

13.
Ist aber das auch ein Christ gut,
Nun merck die Gschriff gareben,
Der sein Nächsten verfolgen thut,
Umb ein Christliches leben?

14.
Doch lassend uns befrönden nicht I. Petri. 4
Der Hitz allhie auff Erden,
Hat sie begriffen des grüne Holtz,
Was will am dürren werden? Luc. 23.

15.
Der Knecht nicht über den Herren ist,
Der Jung nicht über den Meister, Matth. 10.
Den Herren sie haben verfolgen thun,
Uns ist nüt anders verheissen, Joh. 15

16.
Dö nun Christus gebohren war, Matth. 2.
Thut die Gschriff wohl beweisen,
Von Bethlehem in Egyptenland
Hat er bald müssen weichen.

17.
Herodes meynt er wölle bald,
Den König wohl ergreifen, Matth. 2,1
Aber die Erden verschlang den Stroh,
Den der Drack thut auszschiesen.

18.
Die Juden haben auch gesagt, Apoc. 12.
Von Christo unserem Herren, Joh. 19
Wir haben nun also ein Gsatz,
Und nach dem soll er stürben.

19.
Ich das Haupt spricht Gottes Sohn,
Und ihr sind meine Glieder,
Ihr sollend mir nachfolgen thun, Matth. 16.
Zum Ersten in dem Leyden.

20.
So ist uns geben nicht allein, Phil. 1.
Thut Paulus wohl beweisen,
Nur an Christen zu glauben fein,
Sonder auch um ihn z'leyden.

21.
Wir müssen z'erst den sauren Wein,
Allhie auff Erden trincken,
Darnach wird uns der Herre fein,
Süssen im Himmel einschicken.

22.
Ich bitten dich O Vatter mein,
Thu mir Gedult hier geben,
Dasz ich könn bharren im Guten fein,
Zu dem End meines Lebens. Matth. 24.

23.
Darnach mit allen Frommen schon,
Könn auferstehn zum Leben, Joh. 5.
So nun bald die Gottlosen all,
Ewig müssen verdärben.

24.
Die Raach ist dein O Herr allein,
Wir sollen dirs heimstellen, Rom. 12.
Du wirst thun richten grosz und klein,
Und das recht Urtheil fällen. I. Petri. 2.

25.
Das Lied will ich beschlossn han,
O Herr zu deinen Ehren,
Erleucht mich mit dein Wort und Geist,
Thu mir mein Glauben mehrn.

26.
Hiemit thu ich auch grüssen fein,
Die Gott von Hertzen fürchten
Gedencket nun zum besten mein, I Thess. 5.
Im Wachen und im Bätten.

27.
Ich dancken dir O Vater mein,
Die Ehr sey dir gegeben,
Erhalt mich in der Wahrheit dein;
Führ mich ins ewig Leben, Amen.

Unterricht vom Christlichen Singen.

1. Frag.
Ist es dem Wort Gottes gemasz dasz man singe?
Antwort.

Ja: Dann man findet im Alten und Neuen Testament Befehle und Exempeln, Psalm 68,5. 33.
Matth. 26, 30. Ephes. 5, 19. Jac. 5, 13.

2. Frag.
Wer soll dann singen?
Antwort.

Alle die Heiligen Gottes, deren Hertz und Mund voll Lobens, Danckens und Battens ist.

3. Frag

Können dann die Gottlosen kein Lied Gott angenehmer Weise singen?

Antwort.

Ach nein! Dann gleich wie des Gottlosen Gebätt, also auch sein Gesang ist dem Herren ein Greuel, das Geplärr ihrer Lieder mag er nicht, Amos 5.

4. Frag.

Warumb können solche Leuthe nicht recht singen?

Antwort.

Sie haben den Geist Christi nicht, der den rechten Thon und Gesang in uns anstimmen musz.

5. Frag.

Wie singen die ersten Christen?

Antwort.

Einer von den Alten Scribenten redet davon also:

Der Ackerman singet hinder dem Pflug ein fröliches Hallelujah, der mühsame Schnitter ergötzet sich mit Psalmen, und der Weingartner singet etwas von Davids Lobs-Liedern, and so fort.

6. Frag.

Haben sie auch mit einander in der Versammlung gesungen?

Antwort.

Ja! Dann da die vor Tag zusammen kamen, haben sie was gelesen, Gebätt gethan, und in Einfältigkeit Christo zu Lieder gesungen, wie dieses Heydnische Scribenten von ihnen bezeuget haben.

7. Frag.

Haben die auch bey Tische gesungen?

Antwort.

Ja! An statt schändlichen Gelächters und unnützen Geschwätzes haben sie über Tisch mit ihrem Weib und Kinderen und anderen Gästen Lob- und Danck-Lieder angestimmt.

8. Frag.

Wie soll das Hertz beschaffen seyn, wann man singen will?

Antwort.

Nach dem is durch das Gesätz zerschlagen, und nach Gott traurig gemacht gewesen, so komm der Heilige Geist, und bringt Friede und Freude in das Hertz, dasz der Mund zum Lobe Gottes davon überfließet.

9. Frag.

Was bedeutet der Psalter auf zehen Saiten, davon David spricht?

Antwort

Weil die zehende Zahl eine vollkommne Zahl ist, dann wann man zehen gezehlet, fänget man wieder von vornen und von einen an, darumb ist Christus unser Psalter auff zehen Saiten, dessen Vollkommenheit und Vollkommenmachung immerdar in unserem Herten und mit unserem Munde zu singen ist.

10. Frag.

Wer lehret uns also recht singen?

Antwort.

Der Heilige Geist, als der rechte Sangmeister, der kan das Hertz machen zu einer Himmlischen Harpffen und Gottes Instrument, auch ohne ausserliches Instrument und Klang, und auch oft ohne einige lautbare Stimme.

11. Frag.

Ist dann das nicht genug, wann ausserlich eine schöne Melodie gehöret wird?

Antwort.

O! Nein, Paulus spricht: Singet dem Herren in oder mit ewerem Herten, auch die Lippen der Gottlosen können eine feine Stimme führen.

Stimmet dann an ihr Heiligen dem Herren, stimmet an ein Lied dem Herrn mit den himmlischen Choren das obere und untere Jerusalem, ja alles was Othem hat, lobe den Herren, Halleluja.

Folgen hiemit noch fünff Geistliche Lieder.

Das Erste:

Ein new geistlich Lied, Im Thon, Wann ich thät sinnen und trachten: Oder, Kurtzlich vor wenig Tagen.

1.

Ein Liedlein möcht ich singen,
Wann ichs könt sehen an,
Hilff, Herr, dasz mir gelinge,
Zu gehen auff rechter Bahn.

2.

Und deinen Namen loben,
Allhie in dieser Zeit,
Hilff Herr dasz ich auch habe,
Das rechte Hochzeit-kleid.

3.

Dasz ich nicht musz verstummen,
Wenn kommen wird der Herr,
Die Hochzeit-Gäst zu schauwen,
Wie diesem Freund ist gschehen.

4.

Der nich bekleidt ist g'wesen,
Mit einem Hochzeit-kleid,
Der König hat gesprochen,
Zu seinen Knechten breit.

5.

Nun thund ihm Jetzund binden,
Wohl seine hand und Fusz,
Und werffend ihn hinaussen,
In d'ewig Finsternüz.

6.

Es wird einmahl geschehen,
Dasz der Herr kommen wird,
Drum laszt uns wohl umbsehen,
Dasz er uns wachend find.

7.

Paulus thut uns verkünden,
Wir sollen wachen auff,
Von dem Schlauff unsern Sünden,
Und auch thun rechte Busz.

8.

So werden wir empfaen,
Die Gab des heiligen Geists,
Laszt uns zun Herren nahen,
In dieser letzten Zeit.

9.

Wir sollen auch anlegen,
Denn Harnisch Gottes Gschwind,
Dasz wir auch mögen bstehen,
Gegen dem bösen Feind.

10.

Laszt uns bätten den Herren,
Auch mit dem Josua,
Dasz er die Sonn der Gnaden,
Uns auch woll still lan stahn.

11.

Und woll uns auch thun senden,
Das Schwerdt des Geistes gschwind,
Dasz wir auch also mögen,
Vertilgen unsere Feind.

12.

Wir sind nur Staub und Erden,
Und haben der Feinden viel,
Thun uns Herr dein Kraft geben,
Zu lauffen zum rechten Ziel.

13.

Dann David thut auch sprechen,
In seinen Psalmen fein,
Wie er hab müssen fechten,
Mit allen Feinden sein.

14.

Er spricht: wann sie umfielen,
Mich wie ein Imben-schwarm,
Noch wollt ich sie umbringen,
Im Nahmen des Herren schon.

15.

Lasz uns auch nicht erschrecken,
Vor unsern Feinden gschwind,
Der Herr hilfft nun auch streiten,
Wann wir ihm ghorsam sind.

16.

O wohl gut ists eim Menschen,
Dasz er von Jugend auff,
Das Joch allhie thut tragen,
Bisz vollend ist der Lauff.

17.

Drumb laszt uns nicht verzagen,
Vor unsern Feinden viel,
Isaias thut uns sagen,
Wir sollen mannlich seyn.

18.

Die Zeit ist Jetzund eben,
Dasz wer nicht folgen will,
Der Mänge zu dem Bösen,
Dasz der musz leyden viel.

19..

Paulus thut uns auch sagen,
Ja dasz noch alle die,
Gottselig wollen leben,
Verfolget müssen seyn.

20.

O Herr ich thun dich bitten,
Komm uns zu Hülf behend,
Dasz wir auch mögen bharren,
Im Guten bisz ans End.

21.

Dann wir haben hie z'leben,
Nur gar ein kleine Zeit,
So wird uns der Herr geben,
Die ewig Seligkeit.

22.

Dann werden wir auch eben,
Mit Gottes Engeln fein,
In grossen Freuden leben,
Beym Herren allezeit.

23.

O wohl den Frommen allen,
Esaias Meldung thut,
Dann sie mögen zumalen,
Geniessen das ewig Gut.

24.

Weh aber dem Gottlosen,
In alle Ewigkeit,
Nach seinen Wercken allen,
Ist ihm die Pein bereit.

25.

Dann wird er peinigt werden,
Mit Feur und Schwäfel nun,
Vor den heiligen Engeln,
Darzu auch vor dem Lamm.

26.

Und wird der Rauch aufsteigen,
In alle Ewigkeit,
Kein Ruh werden mehr haben,
Die dem Thier folgen breit.

27.

Isaias thut auch sagen,
Wohl von des Herren Zorn,
Wie er nicht nach werd lassen,
Die Boszheit straffen thun.

28.

O wie wird es noch gehen,
Wenn sich nun s'Blättlein wendt,
Der Eysel-Treiber höret,
Die Gold-steur hat ein End.

29.

Hiemit so ist befohlen,
Dem Herren alle Sach,
Dann er thut selber sagen,
Mein ist allein die Raach.

30.

Zum End thun ich noch bitten,
Verleyb mir Herr die Gnad,
Dasz ich konn leben und wandlen,
Allein nach deinem Wort.

31.

Hiebey will ichs lan bleiben,
Das Liedlein also klein,
Herr thun mich auch aufschreiben,
Ins Buch des Lebens dein:
Amen.

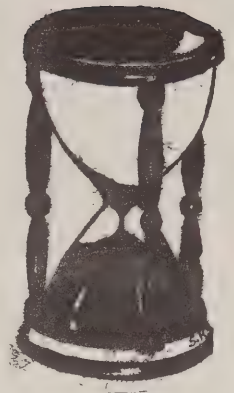
Fröhliche Weihnachts!

Die Kinder freuen sich für Christen
weil' es ihr gewohnt ist zusammen
zu kommen mit der Freundeschaft für
essen und trinken und nimmend Ge-
schenken zu geben. Das ist recht
und gut wenn es gescheht im rechten
Geist und in der richtigen Zeit.

Aber die meisten und besten freuen
wollen wir die Kinder auf lassen.
Die gewohnt Christi in dem Geiste
mit seiner Erlösung ist die glücklichste
Zeit des Mannes jenseits zu sein.
Daher sollt ihr die Freude
in dem Geiste von der in den Men-
schen der himmlischen Geschenke
Gott lobten und preisen:

"Sei bei Gott in der Ewigkeit,
und seine auf Erden,
und die Menschen ein
Befehl." "

The Hour Glass



From NEW HOLLAND CLARION'S "Over The Trail To The Past"
75 Years Ago

Levi Smoker of Intercourse had a husking party which was well attended. The young folks spent the evening by playing various kinds of games in the barn. They returned home at a seasonable hour very well pleased with their day's work and evening's enjoyment.

One of the largest and most destructive forest fires that ever swept over the Welsh Mountains raged last Saturday and Sunday. Thousands of acres of timber and sprout land was destroyed. The fire started south of Beartown and worked its way eastward. The recent drought and recently fallen leaves served to keep the blaze going.

Lancaster had 57 cases of diptheria with 23 deaths from the disease during October.

Owing to the prevalence of diptheria and scarlet fever in Lancaster, the board of health had decided that wherever either disease exists in a family, the house was to be marked by a card as a caution to others. Blue cards had been put up on houses infected with diptheria and yellow cards on those in which there was scarlet fever.

The Acting Superintendent of the Lancaster General Hospital reported that during the year, sixty-five persons were admitted. In that time four persons died, forty six were cured and sixteen showed improvement. The medical and nursery departments had been very efficient and highly capable and their work had been highly satisfactory.

All Lancaster daily newspapers, The Morning News Journal, the Examiner, the New Era, and the Intelligencer had given notice that on November 15 the price would be raised from 2 to 3 cents for a single copy and from 10 to 15 cents per week. The continued advance in the price of paper, coupled with the high price of other materials and labor, had made this step imperative.

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past, continued from last month (page 198)

Before we continue with the John Lapp Sr. family we will have to correct a few mistakes, in the last month's issue of THE DIARY on page 197 it is stated that Michael Lapp and Barbara Lapp were children of John Lapp Jr. which should be John Lapp Sr.

The seventh child of John Lapp was Christian Lapp born January 20, 1799, died January 22, 1821 at the age of twenty two years, it is believed by the writer that he was married to Nancy Kauffman, a daughter of Christian and Anna (Fisher) Kauffman. Nancy later married to a Yoder, although we have no definite records to make this statement a fact.

The eighth and youngest child of John Lapp Sr. was Sarah Lapp born January 15, 1801 and was married to Samuel Kauffman born April 4, 1796 in Chester County a son of Christian and Anna (Fisher) Kauffman, who was a son of Jacob Kauffman who moved from Berks Co. Pa. to Chester County with other Amish families some time before 1770. According to the Biographical Annals of Lancaster County the Kauffman family lived in Chester Valley at the time of the American Revolution. Several of the peace loving non-resisting families, with special mention of the Kauffman family, were notified by General Washington that a battle would very likely take place on their very farm where they lived. The kind act was repeated by the great American, and other families in the neighborhood were notified to remain in their cellars during the battle as they were between the two contending armies. The next morning the Valley was swept by a severe rain storm and the expected battle did not take place.

Samuel Kauffman moved with his parents to Mifflin County when he was four years of age, here he grew to manhood and married in 1819 or 1820 to Sarah Lapp of Gordonville, at that time called Concord. They lived in Mifflin County till about 1848 when they moved to Union County, Pa. and lived there nine years and moved to Lancaster Co. in Leacock Twp. north of Paradise on the farm now owned by Earl Jones, which had formerly been part of the Lapp farm. Samuel died September 15, 1879, his wife Sarah died November 23, 1879 and are buried in the Gordonville Cemetery. To them were born six sons and three daughters that grew to parent-hood, their names as follows: (1) John Kauffman born 1821, married to Susie King, they raised a family in the vicinity of Gordonville and were the grandparents of the late Amos L. Kauffman the founder of the Kauffman Fruit Farm of Bird-in-Hand. (2) Gideon Kauffman born 1824, married to Susan Fisher, their children are mostly affiliated with the Mennonite and Jehovah Witness churches. (3) Jonathan Kauffman born 1826, married to Anna King, he was ordained to the ministry in the Amish Church in 1866. They raised a family in vicinity of Gordonville where numerous of their descendants still reside. They were grandparents to Pre. Benjamin Kauffman of Nine Points district. Benjamin's two sons are also ordained, Samuel Kauffman as Bishop and Benjamin Jr. as Deacon. Jonathan Kauffman was also great-

grandfather of Pre. Samuel Kauffman of Lebanon County and Bishop Elam and Deacon Levi Kauffman of Honey Brook section. (4) Samuel Kauffman Jr., married to Barbara Stoltzfus a daughter of Tennessee John Stoltzfus, they resided at Gap, Pa. and had no children. (5) Elizabeth Kauffman, born 1832, married to Jonathan Stoltzfus Sr., son of David and Anna (Fisher) Stoltzfus, they were the parents of the late Bishop Gideon K. Stoltzfus Sr. and grandparents to the present Bishop Gideon Stoltzfus of Cains. Jonathan Stoltzfus Jr. was ordained to the ministry in the Amish Church in 1907 and in 1909 he joined the Jehovah Witness Church. (6) Michael Kauffman, born 1834 married to Mary Stoltzfus, they lived at the old home which was purchased by their parents north of Paradise in Leacock Twp. till a few years before 1900 when they moved to Chester County between Atglen and Parkesburg where they raised a large family. Two of his sons still reside there, Samuel, aged ninety three and Daniel Kauffman, a few years younger. They are the only two grandchildren living of Samuel and Sarah (Lapp) Kauffman and are members of the Mennonite Church. Mary, a daughter of Michael was married to Deacon Aaron M. Fisher and lived in the Upper Pequea district. (7) Christian Kauffman, born 1838 was married to Rachel Stoltzfus, daughter of Tennessee John Stoltzfus, they raised a family in the vicinity of Gap, being affiliated mostly with the Mennonite Church one of whom is the late John E. Kauffman of Gap. (8) Nancy, born 1840 was married to Jacob Stoltzfus, she with her sister (through the second marriage of her husband's father) Barbara Kanagy, wife of Isaac Stoltzfus of Kansas were killed together on the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1887. The best account we can give of the accident is to copy a newspaper clipping which appeared at that time in the Lancaster newspapers, which also appears in The Fisher Book, page 187:

A FATAL TRAIN ACCIDENT OCCURRING IN 1887

Train Accidents

A most appealing accident occurred at a crossing a short distance east of Ronk's Station on the Penna. R.R. this afternoon, when the Fast Line west, due in this city at 2 o'clock struck a wagon containing two middleaged ladies, instantly killing one lady and the horse and the other lady died in a few minutes.

The victims were Mrs. Jacob Stoltzfus (nee Kauffman), of Leacock Twp. and Mrs. Barbara Stoltzfus (nee Kanagy) of Kansas.

Barbara Stoltzfus was living when picked up and was carried unconscious to a dwelling nearby where she died soon afterward.

When the train reached Lancaster the train was found to be spattered with blood, and the ghastly spectacle was seen by many persons who were at the station when the train arrived.

The accident occurred at Steele's Crossing, close by the old Steele farm now occupied by Jonathan Smoker, and after the accident the bodies were carried to the house and laid upon the porch until later in the day when they were removed to the late home of Mrs. Jacob Stoltzfus.

The only visible marks on the victims was a deep cut above Mrs. Barbara Stoltzfus' left eye and a hole in the right cheek of the other.

The wagon, a covered one, similar to those used by all the Amish people, was badly broken and the horse, which was carried for about 75 or 100 yards was disemboweled.

The news of the accident spread rapidly and a large crowd of neighbors was on the scene of the awful catastrophe before the bodies were taken to the Stoltzfus farm which they had left so full of life only a few short hours before.

Mrs. Jacob Stoltzfus was a daughter of Samuel Kauffman, deceased, formerly of near Paradise. She was about fifty years of age, and leaves seven children, the youngest 2 years old. Three are married, Samuel J. living near Limeville; Amos K. living at home and farmed the place; Sarah, wife of Stephen Mast, near Morgantown.

Mrs. Barbara Stoltzfus, the other victim, was the wife of Isaac Stoltzfus formerly of this county, but now in Kansas. She was the daughter of Absalom Kanagy, of Union County. Mrs. Stoltzfus was here on a visit, none of her immediate family accompanying her. Relatives in the west have been telegraphed of the sad affair.

The ladies were going to a corn husking at Jonathan King's when the accident occurred. Mr. King had been sick and his friends and neighbors resolved to husk his corn for him. The men had gathered for this purpose on Tuesday and the women were to join the party in the afternoon. It being the custom for the women of the households to gather toward the close of the day and enjoy a repast with their husbands, fathers and male relatives.

It was such a meeting that the unfortunate women were about to attend.

One of the largest funerals that ever took place in this county was held on Saturday, when Mrs. Nancy and Barbara Stoltzfus, the victims of Tuesday's terrible railroad accident at Lapp's Crossing were buried. The double funeral was held at the late residence of Mrs. Nancy Stoltzfus, whose husband, Jacob Stoltzfus, farms the old Stoltzfus homestead, which is located within a half mile of the Old Road, a short distance below Weavertown, in Leacock Township.

The sight presented at the farm Saturday morning when visited by a representative of the New Era, was one not soon to be forgotten. Vehicles of every description, Amish wagons, carriages, buggies and open wagons lined the fences all about the premises, and by actual count there were two hundred and seventy vehicles on the spot, in addition to at least fifty at the neighboring farm of Christian Stoltzfus. These means of conveyance brought an average of at least three persons, and many walked to the farm, so that a close estimate made

put the number present at twelve hundred. The house was jammed almost to suffocation, and the grounds were crowded.

The funeral services were held in the house, and were announced to be held at 9 o'clock, but really began at half-past eight o'clock, being conducted entirely in German. Rev. Gideon Stoltzfus, of the Gap, opened the exercises and preached a short discourse, after which a sermon of nearly an hour's length was preached by Rev. John Peachy, of Belleville, Mifflin Co.

After the services in the house, the remains were brought out in the yard, the coffins being placed on a long bench, where they were viewed by the large concourse of people, the women passing in rotation on one side of the corpses and the men on the other. The bodies had been prepared for the grave by undertaker Peter Sowers, of Monterey. According to the rules of the Amish faith, the bodies were dressed in plain white cap and shoulder kerchief, and encased in walnut coffins of the severest plainness, lined only with a linen sheet. These coffins were half opened by a double lid, which exposed the features of the dead.

After the remains were viewed they were borne to two open spring wagons, no hearses being used by the Amish people, for conveyance to the burial grounds. The carriers for Mrs. Nancy Stoltzfus were Samuel Smoker, Michael Beiler, Joshua Lapp and Samuel King, and for Mrs. Barbara Stoltzfus, Abram Stoltzfus, David L. Glick, David Lantz and Benjamin Stoltzfus. At about 11 o'clock the funeral cortege began to form and as far as the eye could reach was the long string of vehicles, being added to as fast as the teams could be gotten from their hitchings, and loaded with the numerous relatives and friends. It was fully twelve o'clock before the last team got started for the burial place, Beiler's graveyard, near Ronk's Station. Here the bodies were consigned to the earth with only the ceremony of the reading of a chapter of scripture by Rev. Stoltzfus and another hymn by Elder Christian Stoltzfus.

During the services at the house the Amish custom of the women removing their bonnets and wearing only the plain white caps was observed, and they stood there while the bodies were viewed in the yard, hundreds of their black bonnets and shawls being hung upon the fence.

After the funeral hundreds of the people returned to the house by invitation and were fed following out the custom usual in the county, everybody being invited to do so, and nearly all the afternoon was so taken up. Besides this the teams of the relatives and immediate friends of the deceased, were stabled and fed.

The large concourse included all the relatives of the deceased in this county, and also the sister of Mrs. Barbara Stoltzfus, Mrs. Rachel Zook of Mifflin, as well as her husband, Mr. Isaac Stoltzfus, of Kansas.

Mrs. Jacob Stoltzfus had premonitions of the sad accident which befell her, as related by her family. Three weeks ago she told her son that her end would be short and she marked and showed to him two hymns in her hymn book, one of which she wished read at her funeral services and the other at her grave. These were the two hymns read by Elders Beiler and Stoltzfus and thus her wishes were carried out.

(9) The ninth and youngest child of Samuel and Sarah Kauffman was Sarah Kauffman, born 1843, married to Amos Mast a son of Stephen and Hannah (Miller) Mast of Morgantown, Pa. and raised a family in Chester Co., being affiliated mostly with the Mennonite Churches.

By Amos L. Fisher

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From HEROLD der WAHRHEIT, 1870

Wo ist Johannes B. Gascho?

Er kam von Europa nach Amerika ungefähr 40 Jahren zurück. Da am letzten von ihm gehört wurde, welches ungefähr 30 Jahren zurück war, wohnte er in der Stadt Natchez, im Staate Mississippi.

Es waren drei Brüder, nämlich Christian Gascho, jetzt nahe Petersburg, Canada West, wohnhaft; Joseph Gascho, der in Somerset County, Pa., wohnte bis im Jahr 1867, und dann nach Elkhart County, Ind., auf Besuch gin, wo er krank wurde und starb. Ich sehe im Herold der Wahrheit den Namen "Gascho" sehr oft, und wenn mir eins seinen Lesern durch die Spalten des Herolds (oder durch einen privot Brief) von dem obengenannten Johannes B. Gascho, oder seinen Nachkommen, Nachricht gaben könnte, so würde es mit innigstem Dank empfangen werden von Moses Gascho,

Sohn von Joseph Gascho, Lanark, Carroll County, Illinois.



Er soll euch einen andern Tröster geben.



Jo. 14:16

A profound incident occurred on February 28, 1966 when Vernon Jay and Treva Elnora (Beachy) Miller were found dead in bed in their apartment at the home of his brother Alva R. Miller, east and north of Shipshewana. The exact cause of their death remains a mystery. He was 22 years old and she was 20. They had been married just four months before on October 28, 1965. He was the son of Levi A. Millers of Shipshewana and she a daughter of Elmer M. Beachys of Wolcottville.

Much could be written of the trials our young Amish brethren of draft age suffered in the army camps during World War I. The trials tended to strengthen their faith and had an effect of deep sympathy on the church at home.

The period just following it was also a time of sorrow when the flu of 1918 struck the community as well as the whole nation. So many had it there were hardly enough left to nurse the sick. Deaths were common including especially young mothers.

The Palm Sunday Tornado of 1965

Somewhere we read: "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." Without a doubt nothing in the history of the community has been so moving as this mighty spectacle of Nature on the Sunday evening of April 11, 1965. Probably we will never find out everything God had in mind when He moved not only the elements but the hearts and minds of people, as well, not alone in this community but for hundreds of miles around.

Hundreds of people lost their homes and farm buildings. Many were injured and some lost their lives as three or more tornadoes swept through the community in a general northeasterly direction, within several hours time just before sundown. The last one followed in the path of a preceding one at times. The trailer court at Midway, north of Goshen suffered the greatest disaster in property and lives. By the time it got to the Shore Community south of Shipshewana it was a half mile wide and leveled practically everything in its path.

Tornado warnings had been sent out that afternoon to those who had radio and T.V. Such warnings were not too unusual. People were going about their plans for the evening. Some had company, others were getting ready to go away, some to church, a few were at the supper table.

Excepting for a very few, a tornado was something remotely heard of or only seen in a picture. But that evening when those big swirling clouds bore down from the southwest many, in a matter of minutes, saw and experienced a time of their lives. People who never seriously thought of such a thing before, now sought refuge. Most of them in their cellars if they had one. When the awful freight train sound and the terrific whistling noise of whirling objects was over, only the sky was over them where their house had been.

Many breathed a prayer of thanksgiving that they were alive, and their first thought were of their neighbors. Most everything was covered with mud and water. People were hard to recognize, because they were covered with dirt and blood, as well. The able helped the helpless. Outside help began to come in. Roads were impassable. Things were in a turmoil. Police came to the scene. People worked together. Ambulances came but there were not enough. The injured and dying were taken to hospitals the best way possible. Hospitals were filled to overflowing and emergency space in churches and other public places was provided. Doctors and nurses and many others came to the rescue. Searching parties continued into the night for the missing. Temporary morgues were set up as friends tried to identify the dead.

Several days later a funeral was held in the school auditorium at Shipshewana for eight persons of the Shore Mennonite Church. All the caskets were unopened. The church house had blown away.

Only those who went through such a thing can realize what it is like. Only those who saw it could picture what it looked like. Even then it was hard to comprehend what you were seeing. It did something to you and gave a person an indescribable feeling. You felt like crying--and many did.

After the first emergency was over the clean-up job began. It was a formidable task sorting the usable from the useless. Despite their misfortune most of the victims looked for the bright side of things and took courage to start over again. A person can go through much if there are friends and neighbors who sympathize and care.

After the clean-up, buildings slowly began to take shape again. Some had lost only part of their buildings, some lost all. Workers came from everywhere, not only the surrounding communities but surrounding states as well. Lancaster County, Pennsylvania made probably the biggest contribution and sent a school bus of workers every week for a long time, as well as smaller groups of workers with carpenters to supervise the job. Central eating places were set up where the workers were fed. Different churches took turns in furnishing the food. By fall all of the victims had at least the most necessary buildings replaced and had somehow managed to get in their fall work besides.

The Amish had the advantage of having their own Amish Aid Plan and there was no need for insurance inspectors and red tape, and building could begin without delay. Much outside money was also donated.

Another fact presented itself and this makes a person feel humble. After all the casualties were sifted through and brought out, there were no Amish found dead or seriously injured. Although there were no radios or television to warn them, and the only real warning was the sight of the approaching storm itself, all of them managed to get to safety or were marvelously delivered otherwise.

This should strengthen our faith and teach us over and over again that although man-made inventions may have their value and usefulness, it is best to place our trust and confidence in God. As someone said, "It is better to watch the sky than listen to the radio."

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HISTORY OF THE AMISH IN LAGRANGE AND ELKHART COUNTIES, INDIANA

The Indians and the First Settlers in LaGrange County

Continued from last month

The railroad was just a branch line from Goshen to Sturgis, Battlecreek and Bay City, Michigan. Everybody along its line was enthusiastic about its being built. Contracts were let out in May 1888. Three hundred teams of horses and mules together with men and implements were gathered from the countryside for the job. Workmen and animals were encamped at various places along the line. Menno J. Borntrager, now 89 years old remembers watching the building of the railroad when a small boy, seven years old. It passed close by to the rear of the farmstead of his father, John E. (Honsi) Borntrager. His father boarded eight teams and the men to work them, that summer.

By November 5th the first passenger train pulled into Middlebury from Goshen. By Dec. there was regular passenger and mail service from Goshen to Battlecreek, just four months after beginning the work. It had two regular trains each way daily, also freight service.

The Valley Line was put through in 1905 along side the railroad part ways as a street car service from Elkhart, Bristol, Middlebury, Shipshewana, LaGrange, Angola and eventually Toledo. As a passenger service it enjoyed good success, but with the coming of the auto it was abandoned about 1919 or 1920.

The "Pumpkin Vine" as the railroad was called because of its many winding curves also declined in use over the years. The passenger trains have long since been taken off. The rails now go only as far as Shipshewana from Goshen and local freight trains move slowly over the ancient road bed about every other day or as the need may be. Recently several cars were derailed because the rails had spread apart. It is now owned by Penn Central.

Shoup Buses for a long time hauled the mail from Goshen to Topeka and had several buses daily. The mail now moves in special mail trucks. Shoups still operate a small bus once a week on Friday. However, they have a large business of charter buses.

Rural Free Delivery of mail came into being shortly after 1900. It moved by horse and buggy. Of course, there were no box-holders, etc. in the mail then.

From Here and There

Jonathan Miller, son of Christian (Schmith) Miller was the first person to be buried in the Miller Cemetery in Clearspring Township. He died September 18, 1867, aged 78 years. Funeral sermon by David D. Miller and John C. Yoder (Volligen Armendiener) of Yoder district.

Jonathan Millers lived in the house, now the wood-house at Albert D. Millers on the Urias V. Yoder farm which was then located on the farm where Mahlon Hershbergers now live.

Jonathan Miller's father, Christian Miller was one of the family of five children of Samuel Miller who was away from home during the Revolutionary War. The mother became ill and on her death bed requested that her five small children be placed in Amish homes. Christian was received into the home of Hans Beiler, a pioneer bishop in Mifflin County, Penna. Hans Beiler was a blacksmith by trade, and Christian being an industrious lad, learned the trade and became quite proficient in the welding of iron and became known as "Schmith"

Miller.¹

Joni Miller who lived in Clearspring, son of Jonathan Miller was the grandfather of Preacher John S. and Bishop Jacob S. Miller. The Miller descendants from this family are numerous in Indiana. It would be interesting to note all the Amish ministers that are descended from Samuel Miller whose wife left her children to be placed in Amish homes.

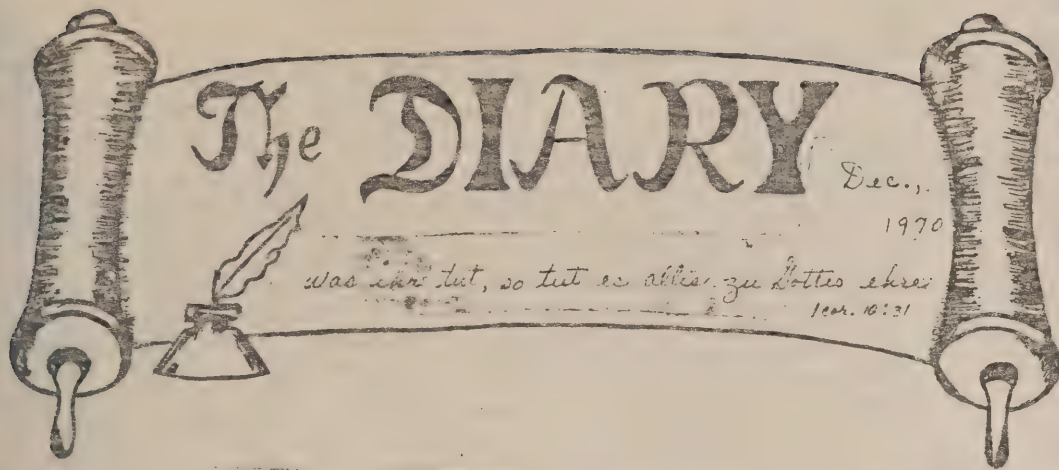
Preacher Monroe J. Miller and his sister, Samuel E. Millers, hold title to land that has been in the family of their great-grandparents, Henry H. Millers who were of the first Amish settlers from Pennsylvania in 1842. The original building was a log house down by the creek under a sycamore tree.

Mrs. Henry (Susie Schrock) Miller of Topeka writes that her great-grandparents, Deacon Peter and Fanny (Plank) Schrock came to Indiana in 1842. He was born in Somerset County and she in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania and evidently they lived in Holmes County, Ohio before coming to Indiana.

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¹Joni Miller Family History, Descendants of Joni Miller and Susanna Hochstetler, 1942 by Emanuel J. Miller, Wilmet, Ohio. (Mennonite Historical Library, Goshen, Indiana)

Other valuable sources of information were: Descendants of Martin Borntrager, 1923, John E. Borntrager and Sons, Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, Pennsylvania, and many other smaller family histories.



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A CONTRIBUTION OF THE CHURCH FOR THE CHURCH BY THE CHURCH IN
THE INTEREST OF COLLECTING AND PRESERVING ITS HISTORICAL VIRTUES

LANC. CO. PA. BARN RAZED BY FIRE

On Thursday, December 17 in the early morning the people living in the Ronks area were awakened by the noise of fire sirens. One had only to open the eyes to see the sky lit up with red and yellow streaks. In another moment, those who were within seeing distance saw the barn of Jacob Swarey Sr., Ronks R1, Pa., in a blaze, helpless to do anything about it. Only by the early rising of the Swareys and discovering a small blaze at the northeastern corner of the barn, were they able to save their livestock, carriages, and milk house utensils. The roof had already fallen in before the first fire truck arrived, so fast did everything go. Five fire companies responded to the call plus a few extra water tanks for water had to be hauled. Sparks, shingles, and debris were thrown as far as the Amos E. Fisher farm endangering even that barn. But luckily everything had been soaking wet from a hard rain only that night. As yet no clue has been found as to the cause of the fire but it is believed to have been arson.

The barn had been built in 1809 and had two high stone walls which extended into the peak. By Thursday evening, the day of the fire, the walls had been torn down and mostly cleaned away. Friday, concrete was poured for the footer and most of the blocks were laid the next day. Weather was in their favor the first week but then the work was somewhat hampered by rain, dampness and snow. However on Tuesday, December 29 a barn raising was held and most of the work of building a new barn was done that day. Therefore, church services will be held there as scheduled for January 10. This was one of the oldest barns in the area.

SAWMILL OPERATOR HURT

On December 21, Sam R. Stoltzfus, Mechanicsville R2, Maryland was hit on the hand by flying steel, possibly a saw shank, when a dog on the head block failed to stay in place due to a weak trigger spring, and drove into the saw on the reverse. The rack was torn from the head block and the dog itself was lying back of the mill. Two shanks and teeth were missing from the saw. A small bone back of the thumb on Sam's right hand is shattered and the skin was torn open and required 15 stitches. When the stitches come out the Doctor wants to put it in a cast for three months.

17 YR. OLD BOY HAS LEUKEMIA

Dwayne, 17, son of John and Dora (Kaufman) Anderson, Arcola, Illinois was taken to the hospital in St. Louis the week of the 20th. Was found to have leukemia, is at home again and is not very well.

IND. WOMAN DIED AT AGE 92

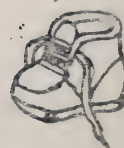
Amelia Stutzman, 92, of Shipshewana R2 died Saturday morning, Nov. 13 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Moses Gingerich, where she had made her home for the last 14 years. She was born in LaGrange Co. January 29, 1878, and had lived most of her married life in Hutchinson, Kansas. She was married July 14, 1895, to Joseph Stutzman, who preceded her in death August 25, 1956. Surviving are 2 sons, Jerry of Nappanee and William of Shipshewana; a daughter, Mrs. Moses (Katie) Gingerich of Shipshewana; 29 grandchildren; 3 brothers, Chris Miller of Sarasota, Fla., Jacob Miller of Mio, Mich., and Dewey Miller of Goshen, and 3 sisters, Mrs. Mary Gascho and Mrs. Delilah Herbenberger, both of Fairview, Mich., and Lizzie Miller of Three Rivers, Mich. Funeral services were held by Bishop Dan P. Borntrager.

Let us remember our bereaved ones in prayer.



"Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen."

Mark 10:14



BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Amos E. (Sally S. Smucker) New Holland R2, a daughter MARY, December 9
 Beiler, Eli S. (Mary Beiler) Gordonville R1, a son ELI JR., December 7
 Beiler, Menno Jr. (Miriam Fisher) Christiana R1, a son MOSES, December 30
 Beiler, Samuel U. (Sarah Smucker) Bird-in-Hand, a daughter EDNA JEAN, December 17
 Ebersol, Samuel S. (Leah Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son SAMUEL S. JR., December 19
 Esh, John R. (Lydia Zook) 2210 Creek Hill Rd., Lancaster, a son MERVIN B., December 22
 Esh, Daniel S. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Spring City, Pa. a son LEVI DAVID, December 22
 Fisher, Isaac K. (Rebecca Beiler) Gordonville R1, a son JOSEPH B., December 19
 Fisher, John M. (Rebecca L. Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a daughter RACHEL S., December 27
 Fisher, Jonas S. (Salome King) Kinzers R1, a daughter ANNA RUTH, December 7
 Fisher, Levi S. (Susie Glick) Christiana R1, a daughter RACHEL, December
 Fisher, Levi S. (Lizzie Smucker) Strasburg R1, a son BENUEL, December 4
 Fisher, Samuel F. (Susie Miller) Ronks R1, a son CHRISTIE, December 24
 Fisher, Samuel L. (Anna Esh) Kinzers R1, a son DAVID RAY, December 6
 Glick, Isaiah (Ariana Stoltzfus) 2409 Hoopeshoe Rd., Lancaster, a dau SYLVIA S., Dec.
 King, Daniel K. (Emma S. Fisher) Lancaster R4, a daughter ESTHER, December 13
 King, John L. (Rebecca S. King) Leola R1, a son SAMUEL K., December 16
 King, Samuel S. (Rebecca Lapp) Kinzers R1, a son SAMUEL L., December 29
 Lantz, Aaron B. (Lizzie Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1, a son JACOB S., December 11
 Lapp, Noah B. (Katie L. Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son CHRISTIE, December 7
 Miller, Amos (Susan Huyard) New Holland R1, a son ELMER H., December 24
 Petersheim, John S. (Sarah F. Lapp) Christiana R1, a son ROY L., December 26
 Riehl, Ephraim (Malinda Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1, a daughter ELIZABETH MAE, December 29
 Smucker, David (Emma Stoltzfus) East Earl R1, a daughter FANNIE RUTH, December 25
 Stoltzfus, Jonas S. (Susie Zook) Ronks R1, a son JOHN B., November 28
 Stoltzfus, Amos B. (Annie S. Stoltzfus) Gap R1, a son DAVID S., November 30
 Stoltzfus, Benmel S. (Priscilla Stoltzfus) Elverson R2, a daughter ELSIE ANN, December 11
 Stoltzfus, Daniel F. (Mary B. Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1, a son DANIEL F. JR., December 11
 Stoltzfus, Daniel F. (Rachel Stoltzfus) Ronks R1, a daughter LINDA S., December 17
 Stoltzfus, Jesse S. (Sylvia R. Lapp) Ronks R1, a daughter KATIE, December 1
 Stoltzfus, John O. (Naomi S. King) Honey Brook R2, a daughter RUTH ANN, December 6
 Stoltzfus, Melvin S. (Ruth F. Glick) Honey Brook R1, a daughter BARBARA, December 15
 Stoltzfus, Reuben S. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R1, a daughter SALOME, December 10
 Stoltzfus, Samuel L. (Melinda E. Esh) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter SADIE E., December 5

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Lapp, David F. (Sylvia L. Zook) Myerstown R2, a daughter RACHEL, December 1
 Smoker, Benuel B. (Naomi E. Peasney) Myerstown R3, a son DAVID J., November 30

Centre County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Christ (Sarah Stoltzfus) Rebersburg, a daughter ADA, December 5
 Beiler, John (Aarie Esh) Rebersburg, a son ISAAC, December 22

Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Petersheim, Andy (Mary Kanagy) Mifflintown R2, a daughter MOLLIE, December 4
 Wengerd, Aden (Mattie King) Mifflintown R2, a daughter SARA, December 7

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Bender, Enos (Ollie Brenneman) Springs Star Route, a daughter RUTH ELIZABETH, December 2

St. Mary's County, Maryland

Beiler, Benjamin (Hannah Swarey) Mechanicsville, a son DANNIE, December 14

Johnson County, Iowa

Bontrager, Marvin (Minerva Yoder) a daughter ILA JEAN, December 13
 Mast, Lloyd (Vesta Yoder) a son KEITH, December 5
 Miller, Eddie (Dorothy Yoder) a son ROGER LYNN, December 5
 Ropp, Eddie (Annie Yoder) a daughter RUBY ANN, December 18
 Yoder, Ernest (Esther Beachy) a son DELMAR LEE, December 8

Holmes County, Ohio

Beachy, Mr. and Mrs. Ben, Fredericksburg R1, a son, December 6
 Beachy, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H., Millersburg R3, a daughter, December 11
 Gingerich, Mr. and Mrs. Henry, Fredericksburg, a daughter, December 5
 Hershberger, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Jr., Wilnot Star Route, a daughter, December 20
 Hershberger, Mr. and Mrs. Aden, Millersburg, a son, December 23
 Hochstetler, Mr. and Mrs. Atlee, Orrville, a son, December 23
 Kline, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon D., Shreve, a son, December 27
 Raber, Mr. and Mrs. Abe J. C., Millersburg R2, a son, December 4
 Raber, Mr. and Mrs. Albert A., Baltic R1, a daughter, December 25
 Schlabach, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel H., Millersburg R4, a daughter, December 27
 Schlabach, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Sugarcreek R1, a son, December 14
 Troyer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C., Apple Creek R2, a son, December 23
 Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Dan A., Fredericksburg R2, a daughter, December 28
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Abe A., Dundee, a son AARON JAY, December 6
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Christ J. A., Baltic, a son, December 27
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Dan B. Yoder, Fredericksburg R2, a daughter, December 29
 Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac A., Millersburg R4, a son, December 25

LaGrange County, Indiana

Beachy, Lewis (Edna Ellen Miller) Shipshewana, a son DEVON, November 5
 Bontrager, Alton (Arlene Miller) Middlebury R1, a son ALLEN JAY, December 11
 Bontrager, Amos (Mattie Miller) LaGrange R4, a son ERVIN A., November 8
 Bontrager, Manas Jr. (Mary Miller) Topeka R1, a son GERALD DEAN, December 20
 Byler, Mervin (Rebecca Jones) LaGrange R1, a daughter ANITA FERN, October 31
 Christner, Amos (Fannie Miller) Wolcottville R2, a daughter LEONA MAE, November
 Hochstetler, Lester (Clara Miller) Wolcottville R2, a daughter MARTHA SUE, December 4
 Hostetler, Edward (Anna Bontrager) LaGrange R4, a son MELVIN WAYNE, November 3
 Kauffman, Alfred (Katie Yoder) Middlebury R1, a son MICHAEL RAY, October
 Mast, David (Lucy Frey) LaGrange R4, a daughter DARLA MAE, December 23
 Miller, Amos (Clara Lambricht) Topeka R2, a son ORVAN, December 11
 Miller, Elvon Lee (Lou Ida Miller) Millersburg R1, a son KENNETH LEE, December 4
 Miller, Harley E. (Salome Brandenberger) Middlebury R1, a daughter KATHY, November 12
 Miller, Howard Lee (Esther Weaver) Topeka R2, a son, December 20
 Miller, Leroy (Elizabeth Gingerich) Shipshewana, a son LLOYD DEVON, December 16
 Miller, Perry S. (Carolyn Yoder) Millersburg R1, a daughter SARA JEAN, December
 Miller, Raymond (Lovina Miller) Wolcottville R2, a daughter ROSETTA, December 6
 Miller, William Jr. (Edna Bontrager) Topeka R2, a son KENNETH, December 14
 Mullett, Alvin (Katie Hershberger) LaGrange R4, a daughter SUE ANN, October 30
 Nisley, Eldon (Katie Yoder) Goshen R1, a daughter NAOMI, December
 Schlabach, Melvin (Ida Mae Lambricht) LaGrange R4, a daughter ESTHER, December 25
 Schwartz, John (Fannie Miller) Topeka R1, a son MYRON DEAN, November 5
 Wengerd, William (Edna Miller) LaGrange R4, a son DAVID, December 14
 Yoder, Alvin (Katie Miller) LaGrange R4, a daughter SUSAN, November 25
 Yoder, Christie (Marlene Miller) Topeka R1, a son DAVID LEE, November 8
 Yoder, Freeman M. (Mary Alice Miller) Shipshewana R2, a daughter, November 28
 Yoder, Harley (Anna Mae Chupp) Topeka, a son GLENN RAY, November 20
 Yoder, Samuel (Esther Yoder) Shipshewana R2, a daughter MAGDALENA, November 7
 Yoder, Wayne (Naomi Miller LaGrange R1, a son NATHAN LEE, November 15

Adams County, Indiana

Eicher, Sam J. (Edith M. Schwartz) Berne R2, a daughter EDITH, November 19
 Hilty, Amos E. (Margaret Graber) Geneva R2, a son JONAS, November 10
 Hilty, Henry K. (Katie Edna Miller) Genava R2, a daughter, November 28
 Hilty, Marvin L. (Martha Hilty) Berne R1, a daughter ROSEMARY, November 20
 Schwartz, Peter E. (Josephine Girod) Berne R2, twins SAM and SUSIE, November 10
 Wengerd, John (Rosie Wickey) Berne R2, a daughter CHRISTINE, November 19

Daviess County, Indiana

Graber, Jacob (Naomi Miller) a son VERLIN, December 12
 Graber, Willie (Maragaret Yoder) a son, November 29
 Lengacher, Edwin (Katie Wagler) a son NATHAN, December 4
 Lengacher, Ezra (Sarah Raber) a son HENRY JAY, December 26
 Lengacher, Victor (Lydia Wagler) a son NORMAN JAY, November 12
 Knepp, Eli (Fannie Wagler) a son JEROME, December 9
 Knepp, Harry (Laura Stoll) a son CLINTON, December 7
 Raber, Joe (Rosemary Wagler) a daughter TREVA, December 1
 Raber, John (Rosie Wagler) a daughter DOROTHY, December 22
 Wagler, Noah (Anna Marie Knepp) a son BEN, December 24

Buchanan County, Iowa

Bontrager, Daniel B. (Lizzie Mullet) Fairbank, a son EMANUEL, December 11
 Miller, David (Elizabeth Yutzy) Hazleton, a daughter KATIE, December 6

Arthur, Illinois

Miller, Marion (Anna Mae Hostettler) a daughter MARY LOUISE, November 10
 Otto, Melvin (Anna Ellen Schlabaugh) a son ELVA LEE, December
 Schmucker, Delbert (Fannie Gingerich) a daughter BARBARA SUE, December 1
 Schrock, Alvan (Gertrude Stutzman) a daughter DELILAH Fern, November 2
 Schrock, Willis (Ida Miller) a daughter SHARON, December 8
 Yoder, Noah J. (Elsie Kaufman) a son RAYMOND, November 29

Aylmer, Ontario, Canada

Wagler, Simon (Susie Eicher) a daughter RUTH, December 27
 Yoder, Mahlon (Lizzie Yoder) a son DAVID MATTHEW, December 28

OBITUARIES

Brenneman, Widower Simeon E., Arthur, Illinois
 died December 12 aged 82 Yr., 9 Mo., his wife Sarah died May 22,
 1952 aged 62 Yr., 10 Mo., and 1 Day.

Bontrager, Mrs. John, Mt. Elgin district, Ontario, Canada
 (Polly Yoder) died December 1

Hershberger, Valentine A., 66, Millersburg R3, Ohio
 died Sunday morning, December 13 in Pomerene Memorial Hospital of
 heart failure, following surgery four days earlier. He was born in
 Holmes County, to the late Abner V. and Fannie (Beachy) Hershberger.
 He was a minister since 1932, and a bishop the last eight years. His
 first wife, Amanda Nisley, died in 1944. Surviving are his wife,
 Sarah (Yoder); 4 daughters, Mrs Yost J. (Fannie) Miller of Millersburg
 R3, Ella, Mary and Esther, all of the home; 4 sons, Abner V. of RD4
 Millersburg, Mose V., Jonas V. and Alvin V., all of the home; 2 sisters
 Mrs. Sam J. Yoder and Mrs. Andy J. Miller, both of Sugarcreek R1; 4
 brothers, Mose A. and Alvin A., both of Sugarcreek R1, Henry A. of R5
 Millersburg and Andy A. of Sugarcreek R2, 5 grandchildren. One dau
 died previously. Funeral services were held by John C. Yoder and Dan
 G. Yoder. Burial was in the family cemetery, Clark Township.

Hochstetler, Tobias M., 72, Topeka R2, Indiana

died November 8. He was born in LaGrange County, June 13, 1898, the son of Manelius
 and Elizabeth (Schlabach) Hochstetler. He married January 10, 1918 to Mattie Troyer, who
 survives. Also surviving are 5 sons; Arthur of Topeka, Omar of Sturgis, Michigan, LeRoy of
 Elackduck, Minnesota, Daniel of Kentucky and Melvin of Phoenix, Arizona; 5 daughters, Mrs.
 Elton (Elizabeth) Miller, Mrs. Ernest (Anna Mae) Miller, Mrs. Perry (Alice) Miller all of
 Topeka R2, Mrs. Henry (Suzanna) Wickey of Nottawa, Michigan, and Mrs. Jerry (Alma) Yoder of
 Sturgis, Michigan; 44 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 4 brothers, Albert and Chris of
 Topeka and 1 sister, Mrs. Milton (Anna) Lambright of Topeka.

Lambright, Richard Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Menno Lambright, Shipshewana R2, Indiana
 was stillborn December 17. Surviving besides the parents are 1 sister and 2 brothers
 and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Bontrager of Shipshewana

Mast, Saloma, 85, Orville, Ohio

died at Dunlap Hospital Friday, December 25 following a short illness. She was born
 in Holmes County, October 9, 1885, to Jeremiah and Veronica (Miller) Miller, and was united
 in marriage to Demas Mast January 15, 1908. Her husband died in 1966. Surviving are three
 sons, Eli and Demas Jr., both of Applecreek R1 and Noah of Fredericksburg; 2 daughters, Mrs.
 Christian (Emma) Schlabach of Orrville R1; 1 sister, Mrs. Andy (Anna) Raber of Baltic; 35
 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held by Bishop Roman Yoder.
 Burial was in Erb Cemetery.

Mast, William L., Arthur, Illinois

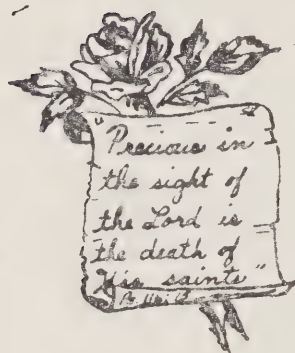
died December 27, aged 86 Yr., 2 Mo. and 21 days. He was single.

Miller, Christian J., 80, Topeka R2, Indiana

died at his home unexpectedly Monday morning, November 2. He was born in LaGrange Co.
 October 30, 1900 and was married in February, 1917 to Katie Kauffman. She died February 11,
 1967. He was married September 24, 1967 to Mattie Fry, who survives. Also surviving are 2
 stepsons, Levi E. Fry of Topeka, and Amos E. Fry of Cloverdale, Ore.; 3 stepdaughters, Mrs.
 Ora J. Bontrager of Haven, Kansas, and Mrs. Jonas L. Weaver of Topeka; 42 stepgrandchildren;
 17 great-step-grandchildren and 1 sister, Mrs. Elmer T. Miller of Goshen. Funeral services
 were held by Bishops Henry N. Miller and Dan A. Miller.

Raber, Mrs. Henry J. (Lovina) Raber, Millersburg, Ohio

died Saturday, December 19 on her 90th birthday in Pomerene Hospital. She had been ill
 three weeks. She was born in Holmes County to Dan B. and Sarah (Weaver) Troyer. Surviving
 are her husband; 4 daughters, Mrs. Ben D. (Emma) Miller of Millersburg R5, Mrs. Roman H.
 (Elva) Miller of Millersburg R4, Mrs. Sam L. (Ida) Hershberger and Mrs. Noah A. (Sarah)
 Troyer, Millersburg Star Route; 2 sons, Wyman and Daniel H. of Millersburg R4; 2 sisters



and a brother. Mrs. Emmanuel Gingerich of Millersburg R5, John D. Troyer of Millersburg R4; and Mrs. Eli C. Schlabach of Hartville; 32 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. The funeral services were held by Bishop Abe N. Miller; burial was in the Troyer Cemetery.

Wengerd, Mrs. Katie, 90, Apple Creek, Ohio

died Friday morning, December 11 at her residence from complications of failing health. Her husband died 30 years ago. She is survived by 5 daughters, Mrs. Anna Chupp of Apple Creek R2, Mrs. Lydia Wengerd of Fredericksburg R2, Mrs. Susie Byler of East Randolph, N. Y., Mrs. Mary Schwartz of Quincey, Mich., and Mrs. Katie Schwartz of Ray, Ind.; 10 sons, Eli of Shreve, Mose of Dundee R1, Simon of Millersburg R5, Christ and Ben of Apple Creek R2, Joe of Millersburg R4, Ezra of Sarasota, Fla., Jacob of Mt. Hope, Levi of Middlefield; 94 grandchildren and 156 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held by Bishop Andy Weaver; burial was in Hershberger Cemetery.

Yutzy, Levi E., 59, Winesburg, Ohio

died Wednesday afternoon, December 23 at Pomerene Memorial Hospital in Millersburg of a heart condition after a long illness. He was born in Holmes County to the late Eli M. and Elizabeth (Mast) Yutzy. He is survived by his wife, Edna L. (Hochstetler) Yutzy; two daughters, Ella of the home and Mrs. Daniel A. (Betty) Troyer of Apple Creek R1; two sons, Aden L. of Dundee R2 and Martin L. of Millersburg R5; three sisters, Emma Yutzy, Mrs. David E. (Susan) Miller, and Mrs. Alvin J. (Ada) all of Millersburg Star Route; one brother, Mose E. of Millersburg Stat Route; and 10 grandchildren. One sister died previously. Funeral services were held by Bishop Abe D. Yoder; burial was in the Yutzy Cemetery, Paint Township.

ORDINATION

Holmes County, Ohio

Atlee E. Miller, Millersburg R5, Ohio
was ordained Bishop, October 24

BAPTISMS

Johnson County, Iowa

Edward, son of Jacob and Viola Schlabach
Mahlon, son of Chris and Eldora Yoder
Edith, daughter of Joe Jr. and Erma Miller
by Bishop Levi Schrock on December 6

Pine Craft, Florida, Marriages

Dan Troyer from Indiana and Ruth Swartzentruber
Pete Weaver from Ohio and a Weaver Girl from Ind.
Ora Coblentz from Ohio and Foster Bollinger, Pa.

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MARRIAGES

Aylmer, Ontario

Alvin Kauffman Jr. to Darlene Marner on December 10

Daviess County, Indiana

Graber, Levi, son of Bishop Joe L. and Martha Graber and
Wagler, Martha, dau of Pre. Levi and Katie Wagler, Dec. 3
by the groom's father, Bishop Joe L. Graber
Graber, Jonas, son of Menno and Esther Graber and
Graber, Margaret, dau of Simon R. and Katie Graber, Dec. 10
by the groom's grandfather, Bishop John L. Graber

Arthur, Illinois

Chupp, Omar, son of Jake and Mattie (Hershberger) Chupp
Miller, Lorene, dau of Ammon and Ida (Brenneman) Miller
November 12

Hershberger, Lester, son of Dea. Menno D. and Esther (Beachey) Hershberger and
Bontrager, Clara, daughter of Min. Chris and Lizzieann (Miller) Bontrager on November 26

Kaufman, Reuben, son of Bishop Andy and Cora (Stutzman) Kaufman and
Mast, Leah, daughter of the late Jonas and Maggie (Schrock) Mast on November 26 (Thanksgiving)

Yoder, Lester, son of Menno W. and Katie (Miller) Yoder and
Miller, Martha, daughter of Sam H. and Verna (Yoder) Miller on December 23

Otto, Ervin, son of Rudy and Lizzie (Miller) Otto and
Plank; Millie, daughter of Jonas and Gertie Plank on December 17

Beachey, Eldon, son of Earl Beachys of Kalona, Iowa and
Herschberger, Fannie, daughter of Noah and Tillie (Mast) Hershberger on December 25

Schrock, David, son of Enos and Lovina (Schrock) Schrock and
Stutzman, Lucy, daughter of Clarence and the late Elizabeth (Gingerich) Stutzman, Dec. 31

LANCASTER COUNTY MARRIAGES

October 27, 1970

Diennen, Eli S., Gap R1, son of Daniel S. and Susan S. (Smucker) Diennen and
Stoltzfus, Rachel L., Leola R1, daughter of Roy A. and Lizzie (Lapp) Stoltzfus
by John L. Stoltzfus

Lapp, Leroy E., New Holland R1, son of Emanuel S. and Katie S. (Esh) Lapp and
Esh, Naomi, Gordonville R1, son of Daniel S. and Susan K. (Fisher) Esh
by Daniel E. Stoltzfus

October 29

Beiler, Benjamin S., Christiana R1, son of Isreal M. and Nancy (Stoltzfus) Beiler and
Stoltzfus, Mary F., Bird-in-Hand R1, daughter of Amos L. and Malinda (Fisher) Stoltzfus
by Enos M. Beiler

Kauffman, Jacob B., Christiana R1, son of Joseph S. and Susie (Esh) Kauffman and
Stoltzfus, Mary S., Leola R1, daughter of Stephen L. and Emma Z. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
by John S. Glick

King, Leroy K., Leola R1, son of Elizabeth F. (King) and the late Jonas S. King and
Esh, Naomi S., Gordonville R1, daughter of Stevie S. and Lydia S. (Smucker) Esh
by Abraham G. Gingerich

Stoltzfus, Gideon F., Gap R2, son of Omar F. and Sadie E. (Fisher) Stoltzfus and
Fisher, Barbara Ann, Paradise R1, daughter of Christian E. and Elizabeth S. (Beiler) Fisher
by Gideon M. Stoltzfus

Smucker, Amos J., Narvon R1, son of Sarah (Stoltzfus) and the late Amos B. Smucker and
King, Mary B., Honey Brook R1, daughter of Lizzie K. (Esh) and the late Jacob S. King
by Samuel S. Kauffman

November 3

Lapp, Jesse K., Ronks R1, son of Gideon F. and Elizabeth (King) Lapp and
Stoltzfus, Barbara L., Gordonville R1, daughter of Samuel P. and Rachel (Lapp) Stoltzfus
by Amos E. King

Fisher, Levi S., Bird-in-Hand R1, son of Levi J. and Mary (Stoltzfus) Fisher and
Beiler, Naomi L., Ronks R1, daughter of Jonas F. and Katie K. (Lapp) Beiler
by David J. Bontrager, Shipshewana, Indiana

Fisher, John B., Kinzers R1, son of Elam S. and Florence G. (Byler) Fisher and
King, Sadie S., Paradise R1, daughter of Jacob S. and Edna (Stoltzfus) King
by John F. Glick

Stoltzfus, Amos Z., Leola R1, son of Stephen L. and Emma Z. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus and
Fisher, Fannie S., Christiana R1, daughter of Samuel K. and Rachel K. (Stoltzfus) Fisher
by Levi E. Stoltzfus

Allgyer, John Jr., Gap R1, son of John G. and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Allgyer and
Lapp, Sarah S., Ronks R1, daughter of Lizzie E. (Stoltzfus) and the late Amos J. Lapp
by John L. Stoltzfus

King, Bennie, Ronks R1, son of Joel and Annie (Lapp) King and
Stoltzfus, Rachel, Honey Brook R1, daughter of David L. and Amanda (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
by Elam P. Kauffman

Fisher, Amos L., Northampton R3, son of Bennie and Annie (Kinsinger) Fisher, Somerset Co.
Zook, Lydia K., Quarryville R3, daughter of Joel K. and Mary (King) Zook
by Amos U. Miller, Millersburg, Indiana

November 5

King, Benuel S., Paradise R1, son of Enos K. and Barbara F. (Stoltzfus) King and
Diennen, Nancy Ann, Gap R1, daughter of Daniel S. and Susie (Smucker) Diennen
by Edward E. Nissley

Esh, Ammon L., Gordonville R1, son of David Z. and Mary (Lapp) Esh and
Stoltzfus, Rachel L., Bird-in-Hand R1, daughter of Gideon B. and Annie (Lapp) Stoltzfus
by Amos S. Lapp

Esh, Samuel I., Gordonville R1, son of Daniel S. and Susan K. (Fisher) Esh and
Lapp, Mary Ann, Ronks R1, daughter of Amos L. and Annie M. (Esh) Lapp
by Abraham G. Gingerich

Fisher, Melvin M., Gordonville R1, son of Samuel L. and Mary (Beiler) Fisher and
Stoltzfus, Elsie May, Gap R1, daughter of Amos L. and Susie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
by Jonathan F. King

Lapp, Benjamin K., Christiana R1, son of Samuel S. and Sarah (Kauffman) Lapp and
Fisher, Sarah S., Paradise R1, daughter of Henry S. and Sadie (Smucker) Fisher
by Samuel S. Kauffman

Kanagy, Rufus P., Mifflintown R2, son of Rufus P. and Drucilla (Yoder) Kanagy and
Blank, Barbara S., Kinzers R1, daughter of Henry K. and Sarah L. (Stoltzfus) Blank
by Tobias Petersheim, Mifflintown, Pa.

King, Christian K., Leola R1, son of Daniel and Mima (Zook) King and
Stoltzfus, Rebecca B., Christiana R1, daughter of John S. and Annie (Beiler) Stoltzfus
by Aaron Y. Beiler

Esch, Elam M. Jr., 2210 Creek Hill Rd, Lancaster, son of Elam M. and Lydie D. (Stoltzfus)
Zook, Mary, Quarryville R3, daughter of Joshua L. and Nancy (Beiler) Zook Esch

Glick, Eli K., Gap R1, son of Abner R. and the late Fannie S. (King) Glick and
Zook, Sadie, Quarryville R3, daughter of Joshua L. and Nancy (Beiler) Zook
by John S. Glick

November 10

Fisher, Stephen E., Ronks R1, son of Joseph S. and Mattie (Esh) Fisher and King, Sarah E., Gordonville R1, daughter of Sarah P. (Esh) and the late David K. King by John F. Glick
 Stoltzfus, Andrew K., Gordonville R1, son of Christian S. and Salina F. (King) Stoltzfus Dienner, Ruth Marie, Gap R1, daughter of Abraham P. and Barbara E. (Lantz) Dienner by Samuel F. Stoltzfus
 Stoltzfus, David K., Gap R1, son of Stephen S. and Mary R. (Glick) Stoltzfus and Zook, Miriam S., Honey Brook R2, daughter of Morris and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Zook by Elam P. Kauffman
 Allgyer, Jacob S., Bird-in-Hand R1, son of John M. and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Allgyer and Beiler, Katie B., Leola R1, daughter of Omar K. and Anna (Blank) Beiler by David K. Blank

November 12

King, Benuel S., Ronks R1, son of Samuel K. and Mattie S. (Stoltzfus) King and Esh, Anna Mae, Paradise R1, daughter of Daniel S. and Elizabeth (Stoltzfus) Esh by Amos S. Lapp
 Zook, Jeremiah S., 321 New Port Rd., Leola, son of Gideon S. and Sylvia (Stoltzfus) Zook Glick, Dora K., Gap R1, daughter of Christian R. and Mary F. (King) Glick by Samuel F. Stoltzfus
 Yoder, Bennie C., Springs, Pa., son of Clarence A. and Mary I. (Yoder) Yoder and Kinsinger, Mary Ann, Gordonville R1, daughter of Andrew S. and Mattie K. (Lapp) Kinsinger by Jonas S. Lapp
 Lapp, Jacob E., Kinzers R1, son of Amos M. and Lydia L. (Petersheim) Lapp and Riehl, Annie S., Gordonville R1, daughter of Jacob Z. and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Riehl by David K. Blank
 Fisher, Elmer S., Ronks R1, son of Samuel E. and Katie (Stoltzfus) Fisher and Beiler, Naomi G., Kinzers R1, daughter of John M. and Savilla (Blank) Beiler by Amos L. Beiler
 Fisher, Elam B., Kinzers R1, son of Elam S. and Florence (Byler) Fisher and Stoltzfus, Mary K., Paradise R1, daughter of Elias and Catherine (King) Stoltzfus Glick, Omar F., Gap R1, son of John F. and Barbara (Fisher) Glick and Stoltzfus, Barbara K., Paradise R1, daughter of Elias and Catherine (King) Stoltzfus by John F. Glick
 Fisher, Samuel S., Christiana R1, son of Samuel K. and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Fisher and Kauffman, Lizzie, Gordonville R1, daughter of John A. and Annie S. (Stoltzfus) Kauffman by Levi E. Stoltzfus
 Stoltzfus, Amos S., Bird-in-Hand R1, son of Samuel K. and Katie S. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus Stoltzfus, Arie R., Kirkwood R1, daughter of Samuel M. and Mary L. (Riehl) Stoltzfus by Samuel S. Kauffman
 Esh, John Z. Jr., Ronks R1, son of John Z. and Fannie (Petersheim) Esh and Stoltzfus, Hanna S., Gettysburg R1, daughter of Moses S. and Elizabeth A. (Swarey) Stoltzfus by John M. Beiler

November 17

Smucker, Henry B., Quarryville R3, son of Gideon L. and Lydia (Blank) Smucker and Riehl, Emma E., Leola R1, daughter of Ephraim D. and Rebecca E. (Esh) Riehl Petersheim, Christian U., Gordonville R1, son of the late Christian U. & Emma K. (Lapp) Riehl, Rachel E., Leola R1, daughter of Ephraim D. and Rebecca (Esh) Riehl Petersheim by David K. Blank
 Beiler, Christian L., Ronks R1, son of Jonas F. and Katie K. (Lapp) Beiler and Lapp, Sylvia E., New Holland R1, daughter of Emanuel S. and Katie S. (Esh) Lapp by Perry J. Nissley, Goshen, Indiana
 Glick, Emanuel S., 88 Geist Rd., Lancaster, son of Amos S. and Sylvia (Stoltzfus) Glick King, Sadie E., Leola R1, daughter of Christian K. and Barbara L. (Fisher) King by John S. Glick
 Stoltzfus, Michael R., Narvon R2, son of David R. and Susie R. (Riehl) Stoltzfus and King, Barbara Ann, Ronks R1, daughter of Jesse F. and Susie E. (Fisher) King by David L. Riehl
 Zook, Benuel B., New Holland R1, son of Stephen U. and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Zook and Beiler, Sarah E., Quarryville R3, daughter of Amos K. and Fannie (Esh) Beiler by Isaac H. Zook
 Fisher, Elam S., Myerstown R2, son of Amos and Lydia (Stoltzfus) Fisher and King, Lydia Z., Bird-in-Hand R1, daughter of David R. and Katie (Zook) King by Christian M. Fisher
 Stoltzfus, Ephraim K., Gap R1, son of Amos L. and Susie E. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus and Lapp, Barbara E., Narvon R2, daughter of Elmer L. and Arie S. (Esh) Lapp by Gideon M. Stoltzfus
 Stoltzfus, Jacob M., Kirkwood R1, son of Benjamin K. and Anna Mary (Lapp) Stoltzfus and King, Rachel B., Christiana R1, daughter of Isaac B. and Savilla (Beiler) King by Amos L. Beiler

November 17

Petersheim, Emanuel K., Christiana R1, son of Isaac K. and Mary (King) Petersheim and Stoltzfus, Annie S., Christiana R1, daughter of Sadie B. (Stoltzfus) and the late Jacob Kauffman, Samuel K., Bird-in-Hand R1, son of Benjamin M. and Elizabeth (Esh) Kauffman Stoltzfus, Sarah B., Christiana R1, dau of Sadie B. and the late Jacob S. Stoltzfus by Amos S. Lapp

November 19

Lapp, Jonas K., Quarryville R1, son of Joseph S. and Annie (King) Lapp and Miller, Lydia R., 238 Newport Rd., Leola, daughter of Amos and Fannie R. (Renno) Miller Stoltzfus, Levi F., Christiana R1, son of John K. and Rachel (Fisher) Stoltzfus and Miller, Mary R., Leola, daughter of Amos and Fannie (Renno) Miller by Christian M. Fisher

Fisher, Samuel, Coatesville R2, son of Jonathan B. and Mary (Esh) Fisher and Riehl, Naomi L., 1650 Morningside Dr., Lancaster, daughter of Aquilla B. and Susie F. Riehl by David K. Blank

Esh, Reuben K., Paradise R1, son of Jacob F. and Rebecca F. (Kauffman) Esh and Fisher, Malinda G., Kinzers R1, daughter of Stephen S. and Katie S. (Glick) Fisher by Jacob M. Stoltzfus, Millheim R1, Pa.

Stoltzfus, Joel L., Bird-in-Hand R1, son of Samuel J. and Susie K. (Lapp) Stoltzfus and Stoltzfus, Rachel K., Kirkwood R1, son of John S. and Annie K. (King) Stoltzfus by Jonas S. Lapp

Fisher, Christian E., Madisonburg, son of Christian B. and Esther B. (Ebersol) Fisher and Stoltzfus, Anna M., Honey Brook R2, daughter of Eli S. and Katie S. (King) Stoltzfus by John F. Glick

Glick, Elmer K., Gap R1, son of Christian R. and Mary (King) Glick and Zook, Fannie S., Paradise R1, daughter of Samuel K. and Annie B. (Stoltzfoos) Zook by Joel K. Zook

November 24

Lapp, Daniel B., Ronks R1, son of Samuel S. and Lizzie F. (Stoltzfus) Lapp and Glick, Sylvia M., 98 Zooks Lane, Lancaster, dau of John M. and the late Fannie S. Glick. by Amos S. Lapp

Stoltzfus, Levi S., Kirkwood R1, son of Stephen F. and Lydia K. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus and Miller, Annie S., Bird-in-Hand R1, daughter of Daniel and Rachel S. (Stoltzfus) Miller by Levi E. Stoltzfus

Glick, Abner Z., Quarryville R3, son of John S. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Glick and Kauffman, Barbara E., Christiana R1, daughter of Samuel S. and Sarah (Esh) Kauffman by John S. Glick

Lapp, Levi A., Gordonville R1, son of Abram K. and Lizzie B. (Stoltzfus) Lapp and Fisher, Rachel, Bird-in-Hand R1, daughter of Samuel M. and Anna (King) Fisher by John L. Stoltzfus

Riehl, Jacob L. Jr., Bird-in-Hand R1, son of Jacob L. and Leah F. (Stoltzfus) Riehl and King, Elizabeth S., Ronks R1, daughter of Amos L. and Anna E. (Smoker) King by Amos E. King

Petersheim, Stephen M., Narvon R2, son of Amos K. and Lavina (Stoltzfus) Petersheim and Riehl, Mary E., Strasburg R1, daughter of Jacob M. and Elizabeth K. (Fisher) Riehl by Gideon M. Stoltzfus

November 26

Fisher, Daniel S., Bird-in-Hand R1, son of Levi J. and Mary (Stoltzfus) Fisher and Riehl, Fannie G., Ronks R1, daughter of Benjamin B. and Barbara (Glick) Riehl by John S. Glick

Miller, John F., Paradise R1, son of Levi and Leah (Fisher) Miller and Fisher, Hanna S., Paradise R1, daughter of Levi S. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Fisher by Samuel F. Stoltzfus

Esh, Christian K., Ronks R1, son of Henry P. and Malinda S. (Kauffman) Esh and Smucker, Katie S., Narvon R1, daughter of David J. and Katie K. (Stoltzfus) Smucker Stoltzfus, Jacob K., Christiana R1, son of Benjamin S. and Rachel (King) Stoltzfus Smucker, Fannie S., Narvon R1, daughter of David J. and Katie K. (Stoltzfus) Smucker by Samuel S. Kauffman

Yoder, Isreal S., Narvon R1, son of Alvin F. & Malinda S. (Stoltzfus) Yoder, Middleburg, Pa. Blank, Elizabeth K., New Holland R2, daughter of Henry L. and Katie F. (King) Blank by John L. Stoltzfus Jr.

December 1

Fisher, Levi S. Jr., Paradise R1, son of Levi S. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Fisher and Stoltzfoos, Lydia K., Gordonville R1, daughter of Benueel K. and Lydia (King) Stoltzfoos by Jonas S. Lapp

Glick, Gideon S., Leola R1, son of David S. and Bena (Stoltzfus) Glick and Esh, Lizzie K., Paradise R1, daughter of Jacob F. and Rebecca F. (Kauffman) Esh by Samuel J. Stoltzfus, St. Mary's Co., Md.

King, Simeon B., Kirkwood R1, son of Benjamin F. and Malinda A. (Beiler) King and Smoker, Mary S., Kirkwood R1, daughter of Stephen K. and Nancy K. (Stoltzfus) Smoker Zook, Amos L., Kirkwood R1, son of Jonas K. and Fannie (Lapp) Zook and Smoker, Mattie S., Kirkwood R1, daughter of Stephen K. and Nancy (Stoltzfus) Smoker by Aaron Esh

Marriages, continued

December 3

Stoltzfus, Isaac E., Kirkwood R1, son of Jacob L. and Emma K. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus and Fisher, Annie S., Ronks R1, daughter of Benueel S. and Arie (Smucker) Fisher
by John L. Stoltzfus

Stoltzfus, Eli S., Christiana R1, son of Samuel M. and Katie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus and Miller, Annie F., Paradise R1, daughter of Levi and Leah (Fisher) Miller
by Daniel E. Stoltzfus

December 8

Lapp, Enos K., Ronks R1, son of Jonas S. and Katie (King) Lapp and Stoltzfus, Mary S., Christiana R1, daughter of Samuel and Katie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
by Jonas S. Lapp

Smucker, Benueel K., Gap R1, son of Jacob S. and Rebecca K. (King) Smucker and King, Leah L., Paradise R1, daughter of Christian S. and Katie L. (Lapp) King
by Levi E. Stoltzfus

Beiler, Christian K., Leola R1, son of Amos F. and Priscilla (Zook) Beiler and Lantz, Nancy S., Strasburg R1, daughter of Aaron and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Lantz
by Christian M. Fisher

Glick, Moses B., Bird-in-Hand R1, son of Daniel S. and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Glick and Zook, Emma G., Kinzers R1, daughter of Joel and Rachel (Glick) Zook
by John S. Glick

Stoltzfus, Samuel S., Kirkwood R1, son of Jacob L. and Emma K. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus and Stoltzfus, Barbara S., Kirkwood R1, daughter of Samuel U. and Fannie K. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus
by Levi E. Stoltzfus

December 10

Glick, Widower Menno R., Intercourse, son of the late David K. and Dora (Riehl) Glick and Lapp, Mary S., Intercourse, daughter of the late Isaac Y. and Susan (Smucker) Lapp
by David L. Riehl

Esh, Eli S., Paradise R1, son of Samuel A. and Mary (Smucker) Esh and Petersheim, Anna Ruth, Bird-in-Hand R1, daughter of Daniel S. and Malinda (Smoker) Petersheim
by Aaron Y. Beiler

Beiler, Isaac E., Quarryville R3, son of Amos K. and Fannie K. (Esh) Beiler and King, Rebecca S., Ronks R1, daughter of Samuel K. and Mattie S. (Stoltzfus) King
by Jonas S. Lapp

Fisher, Stephen S., Christiana R1, son of Samuel K. and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Fisher and Esh, Rachel K., Ronks R1, daughter of Henry P. and Malinda S. (Kauffman) Esh
by Levi E. Stoltzfus

Holmes County, Ohio

Weaver, Albert, son of Eli Weaver, Dundee R2 and Swartzentruber, Clara, daughter of Raymond Swartzentruber, Fredericksburg, December 7

Miller, Widower Alfred D., Apple Creek and Coblentz, Widow Dora, Fredericksburg, December 10

Martin, Noah, son of the late John Martin, British Honduras and Miller, Edna, daughter of Cornelius Miller, Apple Creek, December 25

Stutzman, Alfred, son of Dan Stutzman, Apple Creek and Chupp, Katie, daughter of the late Ezra Chupp, Apple Creek, December

Mast, Eli, son of Deacon Eli D. Mast, Fredericksburg and Weaver, Clara, daughter of Ben J. Weaver, Fredericksburg, December 29

Mast, Ben, son of Mrs. Alvin I. Mast, Fredericksburg and Yoder, Savilla, daughter of Eli D. Yoder, Fredericksburg, December 31

LaGrange County, Indiana

Wengerd, David, son of Joe Wengerd and Weaver, Susie, daughter of Jonas and Edna Weaver, by Bishop David J. Bontrager, Nov. 12

Eash, Minister Cornelius (Neal) Eash and Slabaugh, Wilma, Nappanee, by her brother, Bishop Tobe Slabaugh, November 26

Slabaugh, Widower Sam of Topeka R2 and Yoder, Widow Elnora of Goshen, by Bishop Jesse Schlabach (his first marriage ceremony)
December 20

Adams County, Indiana

Girod, Ben M., son of Mr. and Mrs. Menno Girod, Monroe R1 and Christner, Esther C., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clutes Christner, Berne R2, November 26

Johnson County, Iowa

Bontrager, William, son of Dea. LeRoy and Marjorie Bontrager and Yoder, Nina, daughter of John S. and Lena Yoder, by Glen Bender, November 26

Beachy, Eldon, son of Earl and Mary Beachy and Herschberger, Fannie, daughter of Noah and Tillie Herschberger of Illinois, Dec. 25 in Ill.

CHRISTMONAT

DECEMBER 1970

DECEMBER 1870

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CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania by Levi L. Stoltzfus

The rainfall for the Bareville area for December was 2.1 inches and 4 inches of snow. Rainfall for theyear was 49.1 inches. The night of December 23 we had thunder showers followed by cold weather and a little snow. Saturday, December 19, the Joe S. Kauffman farm 1 mile south of Zeltenreich Church was sold for \$101,000.00, containing 45 acres. The farm was purchased by Pre. John Lapp of South East Lower Millcreek. His farm is land joining. Farm Prices: Fat Steers, \$25.00 to 28.50 Cwt.; Stockers ' Feeders, \$25.00 to 36.00 Cwt.; Choice Veal, \$53.00 Cwt.; Lamb, 27.00 Cwt.; Fat Hogs, 17.00 to 19.00 Cwt.; 40 lb. Shoats, 3.00 to 10.00 a piece. A load of Canadian Cows sold at Green Dragon, \$500.00 to 580.00 a piece. Heavy Fowl, .17 lb.; Light Fowl, .06 lb.; Pullets, .29 lb.; Capons, .44 lb.; Turkey Hens, .28 to .36 per lb.; Straw, 42.00 per Ton; Alfalfa Hay, from 40.00 to 51.00 per Ton; Mixed Hay, from 24.00 to 46.00 per Ton; Corn, 1.65 Bu.; Wheat, 1.60 Bu.; Barley, 1.20 Bu.; Oats, .90 Bu.; Potatoes, 2.50 to 4.00 Cwt.; Eggs, .45 doz.

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

The first three days of December were balmy with the temperature as high as 65. The 3rd brought a sudden cooling rain and the next day was very windy and cold followed by several days of very cold weather. The 11th brought snow and rain; the 12th, freezing rain which coated everything with ice that did not begin to melt until the next day about noon. Then followed a week of warm weather. The 21st it started to snow in p.m. and snowed or rained off and on for two more days. By then everything was again coated with ice. What snow was on the ground was a smooth, hard surface, excellent for sliding, sledding, pan riding, skiing, and other sports on lawns and hillsides. In places children and adults could be seen at these sports. Roads and sidewalks were slippery until Thursday noon when it melted enough to clean them. Fences, trees, tall grass, grapevines, etc. were glistening and dazzling for several days. On Christmas Day (Friday) in the evening it again snowed enough to make roads hazardous. The last week was fair and mild with some snow.

Centre County, Pennsylvania by Henry F. Beiler

We had nice winter weather so far. About 4 to 6 inches of snow in December. The coldest morning was about 8 degrees. We had a lot of cloudy days and snow flurries.

Juniata County, Pennsylvania by David Y. Renno

The weather in Juniata County during December was about normal; 12 above was the coldest with only two very light snows and some freezing rain; not much winds all month. Jan. 1, 1971 came in with eleven inches of snow.

The year 1970 has been a good year for Juniata County. Crops were all good to excellent and prices for farm products were good. There were 17 babies born in 1970 among the Amish here, 8 boys and 9 girls; only one death, that of an infant child. Four boys and one girl members were married in 1970. They are all taking up housekeeping here except one boy who moved away. One large family moved in during 1970 and none moved away this year. There were no severe losses from fire, drouth, flood or sickness for anyone here during 1970.

Snyder County, Pennsylvania by Sam Troyer

December was not very wet, we had only 1.5 inches of rain and 3 inches of snow. The ground is frozen close to 2 inches deep. The coldest we had was 10 degrees on the 31st. But in the lower parts it was colder due to inversion. When it is windy we sometimes have colder on the hills.

Somerset County, Pennsylvania by Abe S. Kinsinger

Weather was cloudy and damp with a good bit of rain. Not much snow yet up to New Years morning when we walked into about 20 inches of that fluffy stuff. Roads were kept in good condition with hardly any drifting. Work among farmers was plowing and hauling manure. Now plowing had changed somewhat from ground to snow.

by Noah Wengerd: We have about 4 inches of snow. 15 near zero; some very stormy weather, not much sunshine. We had a white Christmas, then more snow in the evening. Many are sick with colds; flu, high fevers and sore throat, especially children. Eggs are 35¢ to 50¢ a doz.; hogs, 17¢ to 20¢. There is much coal stripping with heavy equipment; coal is \$8.00 to 10.00 a ton at mines and poor quality.

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VON EINEN SPOHTYAHN BIS ZUM ANDERN

1969 - 1970

1.
Es verlanget mir wenich zu schreiben,
Von diese vergangen yahrs zeiten.
Von einen spoht yahr bis zum andern,
Wie die zeit hat sich verhanden.

2.
Ich fiel es ist nicht meine pflicht,
Doch die worte sin gedicht.
Now was ich schreib zu dieser zeit,
Is was ich sehe und hör fonandre leit.

3.
Es kompt mir jetzt im sin,
Won ich doch vergesslich bin.
Das des eins von die hartschte winter war,
Won nicht ganz, ey! doch shier gar.

4.
Alle hochzeit tag war schön in November,
Aber der verzehn't tag von December,
War die erde bedecht mit ein weisses gleid,
Und der herspt von uns ist abgescheid.

5.
Bis zu der Christtag's zeit hat's noch mä schneet,
Ya gäreget un grisselt, so wies dale mols gät
Der schnee hat geblosse und der weg zu gemacht,
Aber der gahl und der schlitte hens nicht fiel gacht.

6.
Wir hören es war so viele schnee,
Über das land von see zu see.
Der letze tag vom alte yahr,
Hotsz gäreget un geblose vie öfters defor.

7.
Die kält war auch so frisch und zund,
Es macht em denken ans Herren Bund.
Es soll nicht auff heren, frost, hitz, tagun
Bis Er kompt un es zum ende macht. nacht,

8.
Der erste tag vom neuen yahr,
Wars schlitta fahres vie nie davor.
Von meinen ganzen wissenheit,
Wie es war zu soller zeit.

9.
Es war schkätes auf dem glotten schnee,
Um auf die felder rum zu gä.
Es war shon kälter in unser zeit,
Abers war ungewöhnlich für die leit.

10.
Über fünfzig tag hat es gehalt,
Mit schnee un kält dar zu gestalt.
Am Licht Mess kompt ein regen zum schnee,
Und macht es fiel zum wasser gä.

11.
Der zwette monat von diesem yahr,
Wars mild mit regen und schnee so gar,
Der Martz kompt rei vie ein lieblich schof,
Und vecket der brillen Löb vom schlof.

12.
No wars wider winterich, aber shee,
Und noch heifen vom alten schnee.
Glei noch St. Patrick wars all ferganga,
Bis zu ostern zeit hen mir meer emfanga.

13.
Über fünfzig zoll von all dem schnee,
Die erde war auf, fürs ein zu gä.
Für diese winter nicht zu vergessen gämessen,
Noch dreizehn zoll regen darzu.

14.
Die quellen die gingen alle auf,
Die wassern die haben ein starken lauf.
Was das so ein harter winter macht,
Es hat so viel bekannte ins grab gebracht.

15.
Der April war nasz und kiel,
Und das bauwers war net so viel.
Im monat von dem May,
Scheints wie viele frucht und hau.

16.
Im Junie ist viel hau fürräget,
Das war nicht wie man begeret.
So wie wirs in den scheuer samlen,
Wollen wir der Herren danken.

17.
Die ernste war ungewöhnlich spot,
Die weil es war so dreck im kot.
Es ging bis zu der ausgang von July
Bis die ernste war vorbei.

18.
Der August kompt ein mit vinch regen, un vinch
Und sterbt ein nachbar ab so schwind. wind.
Er war der eldste bruder in der gemein,
So wird es now ein andern sein.

19.
Er ging by deinem namen Mose,
Wir hoffen er ruht in Abram's schoosz.
No hat der Herr's auch gut gemind,
Für weck zu ruffen ein ander freind,

20.
Dan Smucker hat er by namen geheesen,
Die geschicht kánt mir in die Diary Leesen.
Er war eins, aus drei gestorben, (Page 141)
Das sein leib war in dem sarg verborgen.

21.
Forhin wars ein, sein leib gebrannt,
Er war ein Armer Dienner genannt.
Erstes war es ein nochbar's kind,
Sein haupt war auch verdrickt so g'schwint.

22.
Der näckshte monat fanget das spohtyahr an,
Die Herpst arbeit war wohl getahn.
De witterung war dem August gleich,
Die felder war mit früchte reich.

23.
Der summer war spoht mit sonne hitz,
Der herpst no auch mit donner und blitz.
Im October wars nasz und feicht,
Und zwei frosta, yust ganz leicht.

24.
Man seht ein zeigen im himmel weit,
Und weist doch nicht was es bedeit,
Ein licht mit ein langer schwantz.
Und gibt ein klaer heller glantz.

25.
Der erste hart reiffa war November den siebzehnt,
In December hat man noch häffle gmät.
Es war no die dritte winter nacht,
Hat der Herr uns ein gwitter regen gebraucht.

Levi L. Stoltzfus

December had a variety of weather, with cold, fairly warm, some rain days, heavy frosts even snow. The year 1970 left us in a howling snowstorm, the first of the season with the exception of a small flurry on Christmas night. Lowest temperature for the month here was 1

Lots of rainy days through December till Christmas eve. the ground got white and is still covered. Temperature since then is between 8 to 30 degrees. Fox hunting seems to be on the go for the men.

We had very little rain in December and only about 12 inches of snow. The warmest was the 2nd with temperature up to 65. The coldest was 2 above zero the 29th.

We have has a very mild winter thus far. A few snow flakes fell on Christmas Day. The weather has been unseasonably warm; very little precipitation in December.

November 1970 will go down in history as the cloudiest month on record. There were a total of 14 cloudy days, 16 partly cloudy and not one single clear day. Never in history of 60 years of weather records in Berne has there been an entire month without a single clear day. Had 1.79 inches of rain and 3.9 inches of snow. The high was 66 and the low was 9 above zero. It was a very dreary month.

There was lots of damp and foggy weather in November. The 23rd and 24th the temperature was down to 10 above zero; total rainfall was 2 inches. The last few days were warm with temperature up to 50 degrees. The corn crop was mostly harvested in October, yield was 80%.

We had quite a few damp days and about 1.5 inches of rain in December. Christmas morning was cloudy, then at 8:30 it started snowing and blowing till 10 a.m.. The sun came out and it has been spring-like since. Three mornings the temperature was 10 above zero.

We had a heavy snow storm, sleet and rain on the 10th of December. Temperatures were at zero and below, eight mornings. The last part of the month we had more sunshine. It has been a pleasant winter so far but there is much suffering from colds and flu.

The first part of December was warm and wet, latter part was cold with snow.

We are having wonderful weather down here in Florida but not much rain. It didn't rain much for 3 months. Two weeks ago we had a few showers one night and on Thursday, Dec. 31st we had a good whower but it was gone in a few hours. It just soaks down through the sand. Florida is having a good citrus fruit crop. Oranges and tangerines are selling at 30 to 35 cents a dozen.

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Dover, Delaware

Daniel, son of Henry E. Miller
Emanuel, son of David Schlabach
Joe, son of William E. Miller
Paul, son of David Schlabach
Moses, son of Andy J. D. Miller
Barbara, daughter of John E. Miller
Martha, daughter of Atlee Coblentz

Daniel, son of Levi E. Yoder
Lewis, son of Henry J. Beachy
David, son of Adam E. Miller
Amanda, daughter of Eli N. Swartzentruber

David, son of Simon S. Troyer

Andy, son of Joe H. Byler
Alvin, son of Jake N. Miller
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Simon, son of Lewis Swartzentruber
Mary Kathryn, daughter of Alfred Troyer
Rhoda, daughter of Leroy J. Yoder of North Dist

September 27, in South District

Simon H. Beachy, 28, son of Henry J. and Cora (Miller) Beachy

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 Beachy, Daniel Yodt (Barbara Mast) Hartly R1, a son ELI MOSES, March 27
 Beachy, Herman (Susie Mast) Dover R2, a daughter SADIE, January 14
 Beachy, Joe (Verna Yoder) Dover R2, a son LEWIS, March 5
 Beachy, Simon (Ada Mast) Dover R2, a son CHRISSIE, February 10
 Bontrager, David (Lena Miller) Hartly R1, a son ELI, August 15
 Byler, David (Millie Gingerich) Dover R2, a daughter RUTH, November 7
 Byler, Neal (Rosa Byler) Dover R2, a son NEAL RAY, October 7
 Byler, Rudy (Lydia Byler) Clayton R1, a daughter IRENE, January 25
 Detweiler, Henry (Barbara Ann Byler) Dover R2, a son MELVIN, January 8
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 Miller, Eli (Alta Mast) Dover R2, a son RAYMOND, April 6
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 Miller, Jacob (Mary Ann Coblentz) Hartly R1, a daughter MIRIAM, February 16
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 Troyer, Henry (Mary Byler) Hartly R1, a daughter ELSIE, June 20
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 Yoder, Leroy (Mary Byler) Dover R2, a son JOSEPH, March 15
 Yoder, Moses (Anna Mae Miller) Wyoming R1, a daughter LAURA MAE, April 18

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April 16, Amos, son of Samuel H. and Dora (Yoder) Mast and
 Anna Mary, daughter of Eli E. (Deceased) and Rhoda (Byler) Bontrager
 April 23, Samuel, son of John E. and Rhoda (Yoder) Miller and
 Barbara, daughter of Simon S. and Susan (Beachy) Troyer
 May 17, Mahlon, son of William E. and Laura Mae (Coblentz) Miller and
 Anna, twin daughter of Alvin and Silana (Detweiler) Mast. (Mahlon and Anna are both
 residing in Delaware but were married in Jamesport, Mo. at her parents' home church.)
 October 1, John, son of Simon S. and Susan (Beachy) Troyer and
 Miriam, daughter of Freeman and Anna Mary (Byler) Coblentz
 October 29, Irvin, son of Daniel N. and Sadie (Hochstetler) Beachy of Oakland, Maryland and
 Susie, daughter of Andy M. and Barbara Ann (Nisley) Yoder
 November 4, Andy, son of Ansy H. and Sarah (Miller) Mast and
 Judith, daughter of Jake N. and Mary Ann (Coblentz) Miller
 November 12, Samuel, son of Daniel B. and Sadie (Miller) Mast and
 Lena, daughter of Manealus and Verna (Yoder) Miller

MIGRATIONS OF 1970

Jake Beachy moved from Arthur, Illinois to Milton, Iowa in April.
 Melvin Beachey moved from Indiana to Martinsburg, Ohio on September 1.
 Alva Bontrager moved from Centreville, Michigan to Anabel, Missouri on February 17.
 Joe C. Bontrager moved from Mossley, Ontario to Wilton, Wisconsin on April 7.
 Joni E. Bontrager moved from Hazleton, Iowa to Bowling Green, Missouri on November 4..
 Noah C. Bontrager moved from Blair, Wisconsin to Amherst, Wisconsin in December..
 Omar Bontrager moved from Clark, Missouri to Cashton, Wisconsin on February 6..
 Andy E. Byler moved from Geauga County, Ohio to Spartansburg, Pennsylvania on April 16.
 Jake B. Byler moved from Middlefield, Ohio to Spartansburg, Pennsylvania on March 26.
 Joe A. Byler moved from Conewango Valley, New York to Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania on March 5.
 Joe H. Byler moved from Dover, Delaware to Lawrence County, Pennsylvania on October 20
 John A. Byler moved from New Wilmington Pennsylvania to Smicksburg, Pennsylvania on Feb. 17.
 Mattie and Susie Byler moved from New Wilmington, Pa to Smicksburg, Pennsylvania on Feb. 17.
 Urie J. Byler moved from Geauga County, Ohio to Spartansburg, Pennsylvania on February 19
 Dan M. Coblentz moved to Spencer, Wisconsin.
 David D. Coblentz Jr. moved from Smicksburg, Pennsylvania to Jackson Center, Pa. on March 18.
 Henry M. Coblentz moved from Holmes County, Ohio to Ashland, Ohio on February 2.
 Noah Coblentz moved from St. Mary's, Ontario to Lucknew, Ontario, Canada.
 Vernon Coblentz moved from St. Mary's, Ontario to Lucknew, Ontario, Canada.
 Jake Detweiler moved from Geauga County, Ohio to Cashton, Wisconsin on December 15
 Mollie Detweiler moved from Mercer County, Pennsylvania to Smicksburg, Pennsylvania in April.
 Levi Eicher moved from Aylmer, Ontario to Marshfield, Missouri on November 25.
 Henry Esh Jr. moved from Leola, Pennsylvania to Rebersburg, Pennsylvania on January 8.
 Christ Fisher moved from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania to Madisonburg, Pa. on December 30.
 Leroy Garber moved from Glenford, Ohio to Utica, Ohio on July 29.
 Emanuel U. Gingerich moved from Ethridge, Tennessee to Newcomerstown, Ohio in November.
 Mahlon J. Gingerich moved from Freeport, Ohio to Dalton R2, Ohio.
 Mahlon J. Gingerich moved to Newcomerstown, Ohio on March 5.
 Ura U. Gingerich moved from Ethridge, Tennessee to Newcomerstown, Ohio in November.
 Michael Graber moved from Grabill, Indiana to Camden, Michigan on March 5.
 Ora A. Graber moved from Mossley, Ontario to Bronson, Michigan in December.
 Emil Helmuth moved from Nappanee, Indiana to Guaimaca, Honduras.
 Emanuel J. Hershberger moved from Meyersdale, Pennsylvania to Guthrie, Kentucky.
 Levi L. Hershberger moved from Geauga County, Ohio to Wroxeter, Ontario, Canada on March 8.
 Albert Hertzler moved from Lakeside, Ontario to Hollywood, Ontario, Canada on April 1.
 Gerald Hochstetler moved from Wolcottville, Indiana to Punxsutawney, Pa. on January 28.
 Leroy Hochstetler moved from Nappanee, Indiana to Guaimaca, Honduras on November 26.
 Lester Hochstetler moved from Kalona, Iowa to Fernheim, Paraguay in December.
 Mahlon Hochstetler moved from Lawrence County, Pennsylvania to Clark, Missouri on Feb. 25.
 Menno Hochstetler moved from Jamesport, Missouri to Milton, Iowa on January 23.
 Monroe Hochstetler moved from Aylmer, Ontario to Guaimaca, Honduras.
 Simon L. Hochstetler moved from Jamesport, Missouri to Milroy, Indiana.
 Eli Hostetler moved from Aylmer, Ontario to Conneautville, Pennsylvania on October 8..
 Elmer Hostetler moved from Nappanee, Indiana to Guthrie, Kentucky on September 5.
 Ike Hostetler moved from Juniata County, Pennsylvania to Mechanicsville, Md. on Jan. 28.
 Levi J. Hostetler moved from Ethridge, Tennessee to Holmesville, Ohio in November.
 Richard Hostetler moved from Nappanee, Indiana to Guaimaca, Honduras.
 William S. Hostetter moved from Jamesport, Missouri to Milroy, Indiana
 Albert Keim moved from Orrville, Ohio to Ashland, Ohio.
 Elmer Kempf moved from Geauga County, Ohio to Holmes County, Ohio on February 17.
 William J. Kempf moved to LaFarge, Wisconsin.
 Ervin Lambricht moved from Aylmer, Ontario to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania on March 6.
 Felty Lambricht moved from Bland, Missouri to Milroy, Indiana on January 31.
 Simon D. Lee moved from New Wilmington, Pennsylvania to Spartansburg, Pa. on April 28.
 Lester Mast moved from Bundysburg, Ohio to Wroxeter, Ontario, Canada on May 20.
 Lester D. Mast moved from Gorrie, Ontario to Geauga County, Ohio.
 Albert N. Miller moved from Jamesport, Missouri to Anabel, Missouri on September 1.
 Ammon Miller moved from Leola, Pennsylvania to Millheim, Pennsylvania on November 25.
 Andy G. Miller moved from Clark, Missouri to Westly, Wisconsin.
 Ben J. Miller moved from Stark County, Ohio to Spencer, Wisconsin on August 19.
 David U. Miller moved from Geauga County, Ohio to Martinsburg, Ohio on August 15.
 Eli E. Miller moved from Sugarcreek, Ohio to Martinsburg, Ohio on August 15.
 Freeman U. Miller moved from Middlefield, Ohio to Spartansburg, Pennsylvania.
 John D. Miller moved from Geauga County, Ohio to Smicksburg, Pennsylvania on March 26.
 Josiah Miller moved from Smicksburg, Pennsylvania to Geauga County, Ohio on November 17.
 Josiah J. Miller moved from Geauga County, Ohio to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania on Sept. 5.
 M. Miller moved from Hazleton, Iowa to LaRue, Ohio on October 20.
 Ora Lee Miller moved from Indiana to Martinsburg, Ohio on November 11.
 Sam J. Miller moved from Bowling Green, Missouri to Bloomfield, Iowa in September.

December

Ura J. Miller moved from Middlefield, Ohio to Spartansburg, Pennsylvania.
 William G. Miller moved from Geauga County, Ohio to Smicksburg, Pennsylvania on February 4.
 Vernon Mullett moved from Hazleton, Iowa to Amnerst, Wisconsin in November.
 Jacob Nisley moved from Holmesville, Ohio to Conneautville, Pennsylvania on October 10.
 David Peachey moved from Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania to Guaimaca, Honduras in December.
 Jacob Peachey moved from Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania to Leola, Pennsylvania in December.
 Thomas Peachey moved from Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania to Guthrie, Kentucky on December 3.
 Joni Petersheim moved from Hazleton, Iowa to LaRue, Ohio on March 4.
 Levi L. Petersheim moved from Hazleton, Iowa to LaRue, Ohio on October 20.
 John Raber moved from Ohio to Conneautville, Pennsylvania on January 24.
 Dave Schlabach moved from Holmes County, Ohio to Dover, Delaware on March 20.
 Vernon Schmucker moved from Nappanee, Indiana to Guaimaca, Honduras on November 26.
 Ben J. Shetler moved from Middlefield, Ohio to Smicksburg, Pennsylvania on March 12.
 David Shetler moved from Clark, Missouri to Ridgeway, Ohio on April 4.
 Ed Slabaugh moved from Indiana to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania on January 15.
 Henry R. Sommers moved to Spencer, Wisconsin.
 James Stoll moved from Aylmer, Ontario to Conneautville, Pennsylvania in April.
 Christian J. Stoltzfus moved from Gap R1, Pennsylvania to Rebersburg, Pa. on March 12.
 Dave Stutzman moved from Illinois to Milton, Iowa in January.
 Emery H. Stutzman moved from Jamesport, Missouri to Milroy, Indiana on February 25.
 Emory Stutzman moved from Jamesport, Missouri to Milroy, Indiana on February 27.
 Leroy E. Stutzman moved from Jamesport, Missouri to Barrs Mill, Ohio in April.
 Reuben Swartz moved from Jackson Center, Pennsylvania to Ashley, Indiana on October 13.
 Atlee E. Troyer moved from Ohio to Juniata County, Pennsylvania.
 Ben Troyer moved from Lakeside, Ontario to Lucknew, Ontario, Canada on March 19.
 Ben Troyer moved from Orange County, Indiana to Ethridge, Tennessee in February.
 Dan Troyer moved from Holmes County, Ohio to Milroy, Indiana.
 John Troyer moved from Holladay, Tennessee to Guthrie, Kentucky on December 11.
 Orla J. Troyer moved from Indiana to Holladay, Tennessee on April 7.
 Francis Wagler Jr. moved from Daviess County, Indiana to Milroy, Indiana on March 15.
 John Wagler moved from Allen County, Indiana to Hamilton, Indiana.
 Peter Wagler moved from Aylmer, Ontario to Conneautville, Pennsylvania in November.
 Jake M. Weaver moved from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania to Geauga County, Ohio.
 Ray Weaver moved from Madisonburg, Pa. to Apple Creek, Ohio on September 16.
 Mrs. Aden Wengerd moved from Lebanon Co. Pa. to Juniata County, Pa. on March 12.
 Eli S. Wengerd moved from Berne, Indiana to Fredericksburg, Ohio on February 26.
 Aden Yoder moved from Lakeville, Ohio to Westby R2, Wisconsin on February 26.
 David M. Yoder moved from Jamesport, Missouri to Indiana on September 17.
 Eli Yoder moved from Arthur, Illinois to Milton, Iowa on January 8.
 Eli A. Yoder moved from Ethridge, Tennessee to Ohio on November 7.
 Enos A. Yoder moved from Ethridge, Tennessee to Ohio in November.
 Enos R. Yoder moved to Newcomerstown, Ohio on March 3.
 Henry A. Yoder moved from Hazleton, Iowa to Bowling Green, Missouri on November 4.
 Isaac Yoder moved from Orange County, Indiana to Ashland, Ohio on May 6.
 Joe E. Yoder moved from Ethridge, Tennessee to Newcomerstown, Ohio on November.
 John U. Yoder moved from Curtiss, Wisconsin to Wilton, Wisconsin on April 3.
 Levi Yoder moved to Martinsburg, Ohio on November 14.
 Mose A. Yoder moved from Desboro to Tennessee on March 31.
 Pete Yoder moved from Aylmer, Ontario to Marshfield, Missouri on December 15.
 Raymond N. Yoder moved from Conewango Valley, New York to Sugar Grove, Pa. on Nov. 14.
 Ura J. Yoder moved from Orange County, Indiana to Bowling Green, Missouri on April 17.
 Vernon Yoder moved from Mossley, Ontario to Wilton, Wisconsin on April 7.
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 John R. Yutzy moved from Jamesport, Missouri to Milroy, Indiana on February 25.
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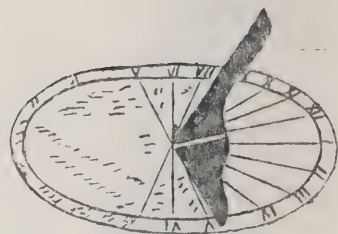
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Die Sonnen Uhr



Die Sonne, wenn sie aufgehet, verkündigt sie den Tag;
sie ist ein Wunderwerk des Höchsten.

Und der Mond in aller Welt muß scheinen zu seiner Zeit,
und die Monate unterscheiden, und das Jahr austheilen.

Nach dem Mond rechnet man die Feste; es ist ein Licht,
das abnimmt, und wieder zunimmt.

Er hat den Himmel fein rund gemacht, und die Hand des Höchsten hat ihn ausgebreitet.

From Herold der Wahrheit, 1870

Gott lässt sich nicht spotten.

In der Nähe von Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio, schreibt ein Correspondent des "Neutralist" ereignete sich ein wunderbarer Todesfall durch einen Gewitterstreich. Zwei junge Leute arbeiteten in einem Erntefelde, als ein schweres Gewitter herauszog; Beide verließen das Feld, einer davon hatte eine Heugabel heimzutragen, welche er auf der Achsel hielt, wie gewöhnlich Gabeln getragen werden. Als Blitz auf Blitz die Luft durchzuckte, ersuchte der eine den andern die Zinken der Gabel nach der Erde zu drehen, worauf der Träger frech antwortete: "Gott wird mich nicht treffen!" Kaum waren ihm die Worte von den Lippen, als ein Streich ihm tödete, welcher die Zinken der Gabel zerschmolz und dem Unglücklichen die Stiefel von den Füßen riss: Niemand sollte die Kraft Dessen spotten, der das Feuer des Himmels regiert, und es hinschleudert wo er will.

Sonnenberg, Wayne, Co., O.
Januar den 26sten, 1870

Nachstehender Brief wurde von David Baumgärtner, einen alten Mennoniten Prediger, welcher in seinem hohen Alter aus der Schweiz nach Amerika ausgewanderte und hernach viele Jahre in Indiana lebte, an seinen Sohn David hier in Ohio geschrieben hat. Der alte Vater Baumgärtner starb den 3ten October 1853, also nicht ganz 89 Jahre alt. Hier folgt nun der Brief wörtlich.

Adams County, Indiana,
Januar den 25sten, 1853.

Dies ist der Tag an welchem ich mein 89. Jahr antrete. Meinen Sohn David, dir und den Meinigen und deiner Bekannten wünsche ich die unendliche Liebe Gottes und die Gnade Jesu. Sammt der Erleuchtung des heiligen Geistes, zu einem herzlichen Liebensgrusz, Amen.

Ich habe schon oft daran gedacht an dich zu schreiben, wusste aber fast nicht was zu schreiben. Indem ich aber nicht viel arbeiten kann, habe ich desto mehr Zeit der Vergangenheit nachzudenken, und da ich mich an 80 Jahre erinnere und von Eltern und frommen Alten über 40 Jahre noch mündlichen Bericht von dem Zustand unserer Gemeinde habe, und dann den grossen Unterschied derselbigen und der jetzigen Zeit betrachte, kommt mir der Gedanken in Sinn: Was wird endlich werden? Denn wenn es noch hundert Jahre fortgeht, wie die vorigen, so wird wenig sein als äusserliche Cerimonien, und wenig von dem Leben, das aus Gott ist.

Ich eile nun zu dem, das ich mir vorgenommen habe dir zu schreiben, nämlich, wie unsere Voreltern in das Bisthum gekommen sind. Als die Verfolgung un Bern (Schweiz) noch fort dauerte, wanderten Viele aus, dahin wo sie Freiheit fanden, wo jetzt noch Viele zu finden sind. Sie lebten still und eingezogen und waren vergnügt wenn sie Nehrung und Decke hatten. Aber der Feind liess auch hier sich sehen; sie wurden verläumdert, als wenn sie dem Land schädlich wären und ihre Feinde brachten es dahin, dass der Fürst ein Mandat erliesz, welches sie aus dem Land verweis und die Zeit bestimmte, bis wann sie dasselbe verlassen sollten. Meine Mutter hatte mir erzählt wie sie auf dem Münsterberg gedient habe, und ihre Meisterleute ihr gesagt haben wie betrübt und im Kummer die Leute gewesen seien; sie arbeiteten nicht mehr, weinten und beteten, und wussten nicht was anzufangen. Da nahm ein angesehener Mann, ein Beamter, sich ihrer an, ging selbst zum Fürst und sagte: "Diese Leute seien dem Lande nicht schädlich, vielmehr nützlich, indem bei ihnen viel Land sei, welches man mit dem Pflug nicht bearbeiten kann; diese Leute aber bearbeiteten es fleissig mit der Hacke und pflanzten Getreide, von welchem die Obrigkeit auch das Zehntel erhielt. Zu dem bauen sie unsere Güter gut und bezahlen die Zinsen richtig" u.dgl. Der Fürst zog nun sein Mandat zurück, jedoch nur auf Willkür und mit dem Vorbehalt hin, dass die Taufgesinnten kein Land kaufen und nicht in Dörfern lehnend dürfen--haben aber auf den Bergen bleiben sollen. So hat mir einen

alten Mann, bei welchem ich diente, oft gesagt, dasz unsers Gemeinde sei nur auf Willkür geduldet; aber man war froh, dankte Gott dafür und ermahnte einander zur Stille und Sittsamkeit.

Als man so gute Freiheit bekam wurde die Gemeinde einig, dasz man dem Landesfürsten eine Erkenntlichkeit zeige, und wurde beschlossen, dasz jedesmal, wenn es einen neuen Fürst gebe, man ihm ein seines flächfernes Tuch schicke zur Erkenntlichkeit. Mein Vater hat noch ein solches dehin tragen helfen, welches der Fürst mit Dank annahm. So viel vom Auswendigen.

Nun noch etwas vom inwendigen oder Religiösen. Ich erinnere mich noch wie es in meiner Jugend war. Wenn junge Leute zu der Gemeinde zu gehen begehrten, so meldeten sie es eine gute Zeit vorher und ermahnten sie zum Gebet. Die Diener forderten die Gemeinde auch auf, dasz sie für diejenigen beten, welche zu der Gemeinde zu gehen begehrten. Da ich zu dem Alter kam folgte ich auch diesem Wege, aber die rechte Selbsterkenntnis fehlte. Ich folgte dann äusserlichen Gebräuche und glaubte wie andere: Es sei so gut. Zur selben Zeit war es gebräuchlich, dasz man dreimal des Tages betete; auch wurden Frühling und Herbst Bettage angestellt. Der Sonntag wurde beobachtet, obgleich dazumal deren waren, die dieses und jenes bis auf den Sonntag verschoben und vergessen haben, was Jesaia, Capite 58, insonderheit Vers 13, und Ezech. 20, 11, 12 sagt.

Bei der Freiheit die wir hatten wurde insonderheit die Jugend leichtsinniger. Ich war auch nicht besser, so dasz das Gewissen mich oft anklagte wenn der Sonntag vorüber war: Du hast den Sonntag schlecht zugebracht. Ich hatte aber nicht lange Zeit, denn in meinem 22. Jahre wurde mir den Dienst anbefohlen, so hatte ich nicht Zeit mich mit allen Dingen aufzuhalten. Aber da dah ich erst was es heiszt, durch die Taufe mit Christo in den Bund zu treten, in dem man gelobt nicht ihm selbst moch der Welt zu leben, sondern dem der uns von der Gewalt des Satans erlöset hat und wie also in einem Leben wandeln sollen, denn ohne wahre Busse und Herzensbesserung ist keine Vergebung verheissen. Weil man aber auf die Bekehrung des Herzens dringt, so werden einige getroffen und können es nicht leiden; streuen deshalb aus als wollten wir eine reue Glaubenslehre halten. Das ist aber ferne; denn wir halten die Taufe und Glaubensbekenntnisse der Apostel für die rechte evangelische Lehre, so wie die Apostel und ihre Schüler gelehrt und unsere Voreltern mit Gut und Blut bezeugt haben. Aber weil wir sehen, dasz viele zwar das äusserliche Glaubensbekenntnis und die beehrte Taufe annehmen, und gelocen Jesu zu leben und ihr Leben zu bessern, wovon man oft wenig davon sieht, so musz man es beklagen. Der Apostel sagt und ermahnt: "Befleisziget euch doch also zu leben, dasz es dem Evangelium gleich sei;" auch: "Versuchet euch, ob ihr im Glauben stehet." Wenn ich das Lied im Handbüchlein betrachte, welches anfängt: Versuchet euch u.s.w., so fühle ich bei mir viele Mängel; aber der Apostel sagt: "Jeget nach dem Frieden und der Heiligung." Der Herr verleihe mir und allen die es begehren seine Gnade durch Jesum Christum, Amen.

Ich will nun enden. Denke nicht, dasz ich Dir oder irgend Jemand Vorwürfe machte; denn es ist schon oben bemerkt, warum ich so schreibe. Wir verlangen und begehren nichts anders, als dasz die Gemeinde wieder aufgebaut und das Reich der Finsternisz zerstöret werde; aber der Feind kann das nicht leiden, und daszwegen streuet er Verläumdung alles Wohlergehens zu Seele und Leib. Betet auch für uns, wir sind auch gesonnen für euch also zu thun. In Meiner Schwachheit bitte ich für Kinder und Kinderskinder mit dem Verlangen, dasz sie alle Kinder Gottes werden mögen. Der Herr sei mit euch allen, Amen.

Von eurem Heil und Segenswünschender, David Baumgärtner.
Eingesandt von Johannes C. Lehman.

Ein Traum.

[Folgendes wurde von einem Bischof in unserer Gemeinde im Jahr 1815 geträumt, welches von ihm selbst niedergeschrieben und nach seinem Tod gefunden wurde. Die Gedanken, die er erweckt, können vielleicht zu einem Nutzen und zur Erbauung dienen.]

"Im Jahr 1815 hatte ich einen Traum. Es schien mir, als wenn der Gerichtstag gekommen wäre und alle Völker wären versammelt gewesen; ich meinte, es wäre ein groszer Berg da gewesen und auf dem Gipfel des Berges eine grosze Zahl Menschen, etliche waren fröhlich und andere waren traurig, und wiederum andere weinten, und ich war auch auf dem Berge und weinte, und sahe nitab, und ward wahr unten an dem Fusse des Berges eine unzählige Menge Menschen, die machten ein gewaltiges Wehklagen und heulen, und war ihnen sehr bange vor den Richterstuhl zu kommen. Und ich sahe ein Jüngling vom Himmel herab auf den Berg kommen, der kam zu mir und war so freundlich und liebensvoll, dasz ich in meiner Lebenszeit keinen solchen lieblichen Menschen gesehen habe, und sprach zu mir: "Warum weinst du denn so?" Und ich sprach zu ihm: "Diweil ich so beleidiget habe mit meinen Sündern." Da gab er mir zur Antwort: "Ei, für Solche bin ich ja gestorben."

So weit war ich meinem Traum beim erwachen, und das Kopfküssen unter meinem Haupt war nasz von Thränen. "Für solche bin ich gestorben," sind zu verstehen, welche ihre Sünden in der Gnadenzeit bereuen und beweinten."

Daniel Guth

OUR MINISTERS' LIST - One Hundred Years Old

The Ministers' List found in the last pages of Raber's Almanac is the most complete list of bishops, ministers and deacons of our church to be found anywhere. In addition to the name of a minister it also gives his address and the year he was born plus the year he was ordained. It is so arranged that the reader can at once detect which office he holds. It is so widely used as an informant, to obtain a certain minister's address or to find out how long a minister friend is ordained, and in many other ways, that it is considered a necessity in most of our homes. The list itself has probably made the Raber's German Almanac so popular among us that it is to be found in very nearly every home of twenty years or older and perhaps about half of the younger homes have them too. The German almanac is a time piece which our fathers and grandfathers has as a part of the home. Today it ranks second to The Budget as non-devotional literature to be found in Old Order homes.

We rarely read the ministers' list from top to bottom, but we use it often, perhaps so often that we sometimes walk to the desk to open its pages and read from its contents for handy reference without fully realizing that we are again using it. We give no thought to where it comes from or who does the compiling, etc. Once a list like this is formed it is quite simple to just copy off from the last one, but who made the first one? How did it come into being? Indeed to be using an instrument like this for years and never employ any thoughts of reasoning of where it come from or how it was made available is nothing less than selfishness, or unconcern at the least.

As most of us will suspect, to start such a thing costs more than time or money, but as these two are the main elements that can be measured, we will just mention these. Few of such directories have ever more than paid their way out, many have never paid more than the paper and ink on which they were printed. A hundred years ago the vast majority of Amish and Mennonites lived on a farm and also lived off of their farm even if they were book composers or book dealers. Even if they had press operations, its capital gain came from the farm. Some years farming was quite good and some years it was rather rough and they had a struggle to make ends meet on the farm. The last twenty-three years of the nineteenth century had much of the later, so we must realize that it wasn't easy to start and establish a printed ministers' list at that time even if the list was short compared to the size of it today.

Surprising to most of us is the fact that the compiler of the original Amish Ministers' List was a Mennonite minister. To make it clear to every reader we will quote from a clipping of a 1870 Herold der Wahrheit which is clear information to us that the idea of our present ministers' List was born one hundred years ago. Ein Verlangen, page 73 - "Indem wir beabsichtigen den Mennonitischen Kalender für das Jahr 1871 wieder herauszugeben, so gedenken wir in denselben eine Liste der Prediger und Diakone in unserer Gemeinde anzugeben. Und daher wünschen wir, dass uns von jeder Gemeinde die Namen der Prediger und Diakone mit ihrem Postamt uns mitgeteilt werden. Es hat sich schon längst ein Verlangen von verschiedenen Seiten her für solches geäußert (und Einige haben auch schon die Namen ihrer Dienerschaften zugesandt), und ist auch recht notwendig, wenn, wie es oftmals vorkommt, dass man zu diesem oder jenem Diener schreiben will und weiß seine Adresse nicht. Also, hat man sie im Kalender, wie bequem würde es sein, und kann oftmals viel Zeit und Mühe erspart werden. Also hoffen wir, es wird sich in jeder Gemeinde Jemand so viel in dieser Sache interessieren und die, so es noch nicht gethan haben, uns Namen der Dienerschaft mit ihrem Postamt, County und Staat worinnen sie wohnhaft sind, zusenden. Wir gedenken den Kalender im Monat August zu drucken. Schicket so bald als ihr könnt."

This request is not signed in any manner, but surely it was by the editor, John Funk of Elkhart, Indiana. In this column we note that he mentions The Kalender to be printed again which was first printed in 1870 in both German and English. Naturally we will examine the 1872 kalender thoroughly for a new ministers' list but without avail. It didn't appear in this publication until 1897. Surely it must be found somewhere because some brethren were already sending names of ministers in before the "Verlangen" was published. In a small booklet (7 1/2" by 1 1/2") with about forty pages called the Meeting Kalender of the Mennonites by John Funk, Elkhart, Indiana, a supplement to the Herold der Wahrheit,

¹The family calender was published by John Funk.

²This Meeting Kalender is preserved in the Mennonite Archives, Lancaster, Pa. and could well be the only one to exist in the eastern U. S.

published in 1872, it was found. This booklet was designed as a handy pocket reference of when church services were to be held in a certain meeting house and how often or on which Sunday scheduled services were to be held. In the back part was a ministers' list of names and addresses, arranged state wise. Among this list were names of 93 Amish ministers so marked by a + sign, of all the western states and as far east as Mifflin and Union Counties of Pennsylvania. Lancaster County was not included in the initial list. This meeting calendar was not at all new for the Mennonites for the Eastern Mennonites had one as early as 1854 (Menn. En cycl. III, page 490) which was printed by A. M. Burkholder, Goodville, Pa. in the 1870s, and in 1882 by the New Holland Clarion, New Holland, Pa. A booklet of this type was also printed in Ontario, Canada by 1876, in German. But this one of Funk's (1872) is the first one to reach the Amish society.

As before mentioned, the ministers' list was transferred to Funk's Family Calendar (both German and English) in 1893 and by this time the Amish list was considered complete, although intermixed with the Mennonite names listed state wise where an Amish name was marked was an A. before it. In 1905 the ministers' list was again transferred to a new location when the Mennonite Yearbook was established and printed at Scottdale, Pa. This list continues yet today, although the Amish section was discontinued in 1968.

In 1930 the Neue Amerikanische Kalender was first published by J. A. Raber of Charm, Ohio, where a rather new list was designed purposely for the Amish ministers much as it is today, although again the first one didn't include Lancaster County. Not until 1931 was this list complete.

After taking advantage of this informative periodical for one hundred years, this is an appropriate time for us to humbly express our appreciation to the authors of such a valuable donation to the church.

By Joseph F. Beiler

From NEW HOLLAND CLARION'S "Over the Trail to the Past"

75 Years Ago

Christmas 1895 had come and was gone and the great and happy festival brought, as usual, many happy surprises, many joyful meetings of praise and adoration and many gladsome gatherings. Here there was no wintry wind, no mantle of pure white snow, no crisp atmosphere, but a somewhat damp, dull day until afternoon, when the sun warmed up the mild atmosphere making it feel as though spring had come.

As was customary for a number of years past, baker D. B. Shaub on Christmas morning left a loaf of bread and a dozen cakes at the home of every poor family in this borough as a gift from one of our kind and generous citizens.

For some time past B. F. Groff's steam flour and chopping mill had been running day and night in order to meet the demand for flour and feed owing to the inability of water power mills to do their usual amount of work because the water in the streams was so low.

The water in our streams had become so low that many of the mills run by water power were unable to run more than a few hours a day, thus making it impossible to meet the local demand for flour and feed. To help them out of the dilemma several millers had temporarily attached portable steam engines to their mills.

Someone somehow broke a large pane of glass in the storm door at Rutter's warehouse. But yesterday morning Mr. Rutter found a pane of glass standing inside the storm door which was of a proper size to replace the broken one. There was a mystery about the whole affair, but this reparation Mr. Rutter regarded as commendable and honorable.

There was a time, the editor noted, when it was considered a sure sign of death before the next New Year to see your own shadow in the moonlight on the first of January. If this were correct, it would be unsafe to go out the coming New Year's night if it was clear, as there would be a full moon to shine on the just and the unjust.

The mild weather of the past week had started some of the local citizens again at laying sidewalks and having curbstones set ready for sidewalks in the spring. A crossing had been laid on Main Street near the school building and on the line of the proposed avenue to cross Main Street.

A girl baby born the other day in Kokomo, Indiana, was the fourteenth daughter of a fourteenth daughter, a record which was thought to be unprecedented.

Many of the teachers in the schools were presented with turkeys for Christmas by their fond pupils.

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1935 when Mahlon L. Yeider was ordained bishop. Church life was not satisfactory for many years. The constant drain of families moving out as well as a few moving in did not help to strengthen the community. The Amish Church in North Dakota now has only eight members, and Mahlon L. Yeider is the present minister and bishop. See "County Status Aided by Amish Mennonites," in Purple Mountain Star (June 22, 1938). Rolla, N. Dak., p. 52.

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AMISH IN NORTH DAKOTA

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The spirit of adventure captured more than a few Amish farmers during the frontier days. They were ready to leave their friends and their well-established communities in the eastern states to take up the hard task of pioneering in the Great Plains. A periodic surge of interest in colonization was sometimes caused by unrest and "church trouble" in the home community. With a keen eye for fertile land, a love for peaceful and unmolested habitation, and with fearless attitude at hard work, this restless spirit led the Amishman to some of the remote parts of the country. Of the sixteen states which now contain established Old Order Amish communities, North Dakota was one of the last to be the recipient of the Amish.

A wave of interest in colonization to North Dakota began to manifest itself among the Amish in Indiana in 1890, and in Milford County, Pennsylvania, about 1896. A delegation of Amishmen from Elkhart County, Indiana consisting of Reuben E. Bontrager, Eli J. Bontrager, R. A. Yoder, J. A. Miller and D. D. Kauffman visited North Dakota in 1893. They were favorably impressed with the vast area of level country and the exceptional opportunities offered to home seekers; and they decided to recommend the Turtle Mountain district in Rolette County for prospective settlers. In the spring of 1894 four families from Indiana moved to North Dakota, namely, R. A. Yoder, John D. Bontrager, Joni Hershberger, M. H. Hochstetler, and a single man, John A. Yoder. These families settled near Rolla in Rolette County, but they later moved to the Island Lake region near Mylo and Wolford.

In 1895 a mass of immigrants to North Dakota began, including many members of the Church of the Brethren as well as Amish, from several counties in Indiana and from Ohio and Kansas. Eli J. Bontrager, who was ordained a minister in 1894, and R. L. Bontreger left Indiana, and with their families, moved to North Dakota in 1895.

Several families in Milford County, Pennsylvania, became interested in the Dakotas about 1900. Jonas Renno, who owned and operated the Renno Mill near Belleville, moved there in 1898, and with a great deal of enthusiasm succeeded in getting a small following. Aaron Yoder, who married Renno's daughter, established his home there in 1901. A few bachelors from Milford County also went with the movement. While holding evangelistic meetings in Milford County, Pennsylvania in January, 1903, D. D. Miller learned of a considerable group of Mennonites and Amishmen who were contemplating moving to North Dakota. At the suggestion of Leuber Miller, the two valley congregations, Belleville and Allensville, met jointly on March 1, 1903, and retained I. S. Mast to serve as minister for the new congregation about to move to Dakota. This group boarded the train at Reidsville, Pennsylvania, on March 30, 1903, and arrived at Surrey, North Dakota, on April 2.

Among the families from Nebraska who moved to North Dakota were David Yoder and his single brother Michael Yoder, Solomon Yoder, and Isaac Kauffman.

For more than eight years after the first group of Amish established themselves in North Dakota, many families moved to Rolette and Pierce counties from several states. Most of them filed claims on government land. The Amish settlement in North Dakota probably reached its apex in 1903 when there were about fifty families in the settlement, and the church was divided into two districts.

Now, after fifty years, Amish life in North Dakota is almost extinct. Already in 1903 the trek to other states began. In 1909 there was a large exodus when many families moved to Colorado to settle on government land. Others moved to Indiana, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Iowa, and Montana. The reasons for the disintegration of the Amish community which seemed to have been so promising are varied. The long severe winters, with much sub-zero weather and deep snow, discouraged many families. The limited medical and community service caused some anxiety, and many wives, unable to adjust themselves to the new environment, persuaded their husbands to return to their former homes. It is suggested that many came to North Dakota, made their fortune, and then moved away.

The Old Order Amish community has lost its distinctiveness as such because many of the members joined the Lakeview Mennonite congregation, organized in 1916. A large share of the 102 members now comprising the Lakeview congregation are of Amish descent.

Eli J. Bontrager served as bishop of the church from 1895 to 1910, when he moved to Wisconsin. Abe Graber was ordained bishop in 19__ to succeed Eli Bontrager, and in 19__ Abe Gengerich was ordained bishop to succeed Graber. Eli J. Bontrager at the request of the North Dakota Amish continued to assist the congregation, visiting the church every two years until

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